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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

I am respectfully requesting that you oppose this measure even though I'm sure it will pass despite any input from the public. First off, why is this bill now in the Rules committee when it should be in Ways and Means? Second, according to the fiscal impact statement, this bill will cost the state way more money than it has. With the huge shortfall from the Dept of Transportation and continued court battles fighting the unconstitutional bill that is Measure 114, there is no money for this or any other of these gun bills being crammed down the throats of law abiding Citizens of this state. Third, This bill does nothing to protect anyone from "gun violence". Criminals will still get their guns, or just use something else. This bill does nothing to protect those who are in imminent danger from criminals, family members or friends who are intent on hurting someone. It just makes it much harder for people to protect themselves and their families. Those who are intent on committing suicide will also just find something else....drugs, rope, a vehicle, or even forcing law enforcement to take their life for them. Why do we continue to place unnecessary restrictions on law abiding people instead of focusing on the root causes of your "gun violence"...crimes and mental health. Stronger punishment for criminals and increasing mental health treatment programs as well as drug treatment programs will go much further in making citizens of Oregon safer. Take a look at Illinois...they have some of the strongest gun control laws in the country, yet more people become victims, especially in Chicago, than anywhere else. Gun control doesn't work! Especially enacting the "adjacent to" clause. It will only make it extremely confusing for those with CHL licenses on where they can and cannot be while they constitutionally carry their weapon. This bill makes no sense to those of us with common sense. Vote NO