

Submitter: Stephan Ball
On Behalf Of: Myself
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

As a retired police officer in good standing in the State of Oregon, I am opposed to any bill that further erodes the already fractured and corrupted laws and rules Oregon pushes on it's Citizens each session in attempts to disarm it's law-abiding citizens, with regards to the U.S Constitution's Second Amendment. Mostly because the liberal population is afraid of guns, I understand this fear, it is mostly because they are taught this, and because they are uneducated on the subject or incorrectly educated.

I would only ask that before you ever attempt to pass such laws you consider that by trying to pass this law, you are only enabling the large corporations to squash the small businesses completely out of business. If that is your goal, then this bill will do it. I am asking you to kill this bill. Vote no on all gun control, especially if you are doing it because you are poorly educated, or ignorant. Fear and ignorance are the wrong reasons to vote no on something, if that is the reason you are voting, then you should not be holding office. Thanks for your time. Study cause and effect, crime and punishment, to have an effect on gun crime in Oregon, the punishment for violence committed with a gun should carry minimum 20 year prison sentences, that is the way you stop repeat offenders. Not by background checks that criminals bypass by stealing someone else's gun, or having someone with a clean background buy a gun for them. We need enforcement of our current gun laws before you make more, let's try that first.

Sincerely

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