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SB243 Opposition

As an Oregon citizen, I am opposed to HB243 and its ambiguities and intentional misleading representations. Disregarding whether there are National and Oregon constitutional requirements that will be ignored, SB243 does nothing but cater to those opposed to firearm ownership.

As a certified NRA, USCCA, and Utah firearm instructor (the State of Oregon accepts my NRA certification for BOTH classroom and live-fire instruction), I'm continually concerned about the ignorance displayed when lawmakers craft legislation. As an aside, this is a good time to remind everyone that the term "AR," as used in citing an AR rifle, does not stand for "automatic rifle;" it does not stand for "assault rifle;" it stands for Armalite...the company that made the M-16.

In banning "rapid fire activators," at least SB243 isn't banning rubber bands and shoestrings...which can increase the rate of fire of some firearms...at least according to some YouTube videos. In the delayed wisdom of the ATF, at least it declassified rubber bands as "machine guns," about 20 years ago; it's documented.

As a holder of an Oregon Concealed Handgun License, I'm very concerned about the increased opportunity in SB243 for entities, agents, and individuals to declare where I cannot carry my concealed firearm. Traveling from one area to another, doing business in one building or another, can unintentionally make me a criminal for possessing a firearm.

As an ex-social worker, I've worked with chronically unemployed and chronically houseless (your word) individuals. Having experienced the heartbreak of a friend's suicide, I can say the money you waste in trying to take firearms away from legal owners can be better spent on mental health care.

Historically I see that the legislature will disregard that the majority is opposed to SB243 and will vote to pass it...if there's a quorum. At least I have added my written testimony to voice my opposition.

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