

Testimony opposing SB 243

72-hour waiting period: Prohibits a gun dealer from transferring a firearm or unfinished frame or receiver until 72 hours have elapsed..."

- Why should law-abiding citizens have to wait 72 hours? There is no data supporting that this restriction saves lives or helps our citizens in any way. In fact, just the opposite. In States that have or had these laws, crime against females increased substantially, as many women were unable to purchase a firearm in a timely manner when their lives had been threatened (e.g. domestic abuse situations).
- A 72-hour waiting period is another back door effort to make Gun Shows & other Outdoor Shows obsolete.

Public Area Restrictions:

- Allowing local entities to restrict conceal carry will cause law-abiding citizens to become potential criminals. It will be impossible for concealed carry citizens to be current of all the places where they will suddenly be unable to legally carry. Concealed Carry holders are law-abiding citizens who pose no threat to the public. Concealed carry holders do not break the law, and in the past, have helped law enforcement and stopped or slowed down harmful criminals.
- Notwithstanding that concealed carry gives women an equalizer in situations of assault and rape. Limiting women's rights to defend themselves is not acceptable.

Every year a few Senators and Representatives propose new gun control bills. All proposed "gun control" bills target the law-abiding citizens in Oregon. None actually prevent new crimes from being committed by criminals, but many threaten citizens with monetary fines and consequences.

I wonder why our representatives are constantly trying to punish law-abiding citizens with more restrictions and laws but cannot be bothered to address crimes that affect their citizens. The gun control laws disproportionally affect women and their ability to defend themselves. We do not need any more laws on the books to infringe on our constitutional right to Bear Arms.