

Submitter:

Lee Grundmayer

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB243

As a concerned citizen of Sandy, Oregon, I strongly oppose Senate Bill 243. Living in a rural community where hunting and self-defense are part of our way of life, this bill feels like an overreach by urban legislators who don't understand our needs. The 72-hour waiting period for gun purchases is a hassle for law-abiding folks like us, especially at gun shows, and it does nothing to stop criminals who get guns illegally. Banning rapid-fire devices and slapping harsh penalties like a Class B felony for transferring them seems excessive and unfairly targets responsible gun owners. I'm also worried about the \$14.7 million price tag—money that could be better spent on mental health services or law enforcement to actually tackle crime and suicide, which we know are the real issues driving gun deaths here.

The way this bill was rushed through with last-minute amendments, without enough public input, feels sneaky and disrespectful. Rural communities like Sandy rely on our Second Amendment rights for protection and recreation, and SB 243 just piles on restrictions that make life harder for us while ignoring the root causes of violence. Plus, it's built on Measure 114, which is still tied up in court—why rush into more laws that might just lead to costly lawsuits? I want safer communities too, but this bill punishes people like me instead of focusing on real solutions. We deserve better.