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SB-243 stands on the promise that passing the bill will make Oregon safer. However, since there's never been a reported crime committed with a "Rapid Fire Trigger" system, then how do we quantify the assumption that Oregon will be safer?

In fact, if this overly promising law is passed, the state of Oregon will in fact create criminals out of those that currently own a "Rapid Fire Device" and will conceivably prosecute some of us, inevitably!

Based on this logic, this bills only function is to incarcerate legal firearm owners, and does not in fact prevent crime.

Furthermore these triggers or activators do not convert any weapon to Full Automatic, which is already illegal, each report from the rapid fire activator is engaged by a deliberate motion from the user.

Rapid fire activators do not make the firearm exponentially more deadly, it's quite literally the opposite. As a soldier trained in high intensity combat marksmanship, rapid fire and recoil make the firearm less accurate, based on physics.

Additionally, forcing the prospective legal buyer to wait 72 hours before they may take possession of their legally transferred firearm is punitive and often redundant, and does not reduce crime, but potentially hinders Oregonians from their legal and constitutional right to purchase firearms. Many times the OSP are backlogged and buyers are forced to wait weeks, or months before the state police process the transfer. Adding 72 hours to that is ridiculous. As for the cool off period to prevent suicide, the late artist Kurt Cobain purchased a firearm with the intent of taking his own life, waited the mandatory 5 days per law in Washington & still committed the unfortunate act. Waiting times don't prevent crime, nor save lives!

Oregon is currently struggling to find funding of the current laws and fiscal expenditures. The governor has moved to steal our income tax returns (money that we citizens have overpaid to the state) without the decency of a vote. How does the state propose to enforce this prospective bill without revenue or manpower?

This bill is an attack on law abiding firearm owners, funding it is an attack on every taxpayer.

Vote NO on SB-243 and prevent turning honest hardworking Oregonians into criminals.