



To: House Committee on Rules

Date: June 11, 2025 Hearing on SB 243

Position: SUPPORT

Testimony from: Elizabeth McKanna – Legislative Chair of Lift Every Voice Oregon

I am submitting this testimony in support of SB 243 because it will ban highly dangerous accessories, known as rapid fire activators (RFAs), used to convert semiautomatic weapons into the functional equivalent of a fully automatic weapon.

Oregon law bans possession of fully automatic weapons, except in the rare instance where the gun was made before 1986 and the owner has complied with strict registration and other requirements imposed by the federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). It is a crime in Oregon to possess a semiautomatic rifle or any other gun converted into a fully automatic weapon. (ORS 166.272). Allowing devices, available for as little as \$50 on Amazon, to be added to a firearm, so it has the “lethal effect” of a fully automatic weapon, is simply wrong and must be prohibited.

Even the federal government, under our current president’s first term, recognized that RFAs should be banned. The Supreme Court did disallow that ban based solely on that technical determination that the ATF didn’t have regulatory authority to issue such a rule. There was no finding, whatsoever, that banning RFAs violated the Second Amendment. Congress has the power to ban RFAs. But, it has not done so and clearly the current Congress can’t be counted on to do so anytime soon.

It is up to the states to take this action. Oregon must step forward and enact this protection for the sake of all Oregonians, just as at least seventeen other states have already done.

Some owners of RFAs who have testified in opposition to SB243 have asserted they will be made criminals the day the bill is signed. That’s just not true.

There’s no emergency clause in this bill. Owners will have 90 days from the last day of this legislative session to dispose of any RFAs they possess. Perhaps the State Police will set up a turn in location or program.

But requiring the destruction or other disposal of accessories such as bump stocks is lawful under Oregon law and the federal Constitution. There is no “Takings Clause” violation. There is no taking for public use which is a necessary element of that clause. Requiring destruction or disposal of some item deemed illegal, particularly one that is dangerous, is a lawful exercise of a state’s power to outlaw dangers to public health and safety. Providing 90 days is a reasonable amount of time for owners to comply.

Therefore, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon (LEVO) we ask you to vote to pass this bill on to the House floor with a “do pass” recommendation

Thank you.

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