



MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION

TO: All members and staff
RE: [SB 978-1](#) (Judiciary)
POSITION: OPPOSE

On behalf of the members and supporters of the Firearms Policy Coalition **I submit our strong OPPOSITION to SB 978 and dash 1 amendments – a 44-page measure which would strike at the heart of constitutionally protected rights for all Oregonians.**

This measure implements extremely dangerous “gun free zones” in heavily trafficked public areas and buildings that have neither armed security nor screening. As cited in multiple studies by the Crime Prevention Research Center, well over 90 percent of mass-public shooting attacks have occurred “gun free” zones – a surefire recipe for disaster if this measure is implemented.

Other serious notable problems contained in this bill include, but are not limited to:

- Mandating self-defense firearms in common use in the home be locked and inaccessible to the homeowner; however, a similar law was found unconstitutional in *D.C. v. Heller*.
- Holding private property owners responsible for firearms crimes committed by thieves and criminals.
- Creating a likelihood of unintended violations by CHL holders and placing an unnecessary and unneeded burden on the criminal justice system for victimless crimes.
- Increasing excessive monetary charges for a Concealed Handgun License.
- Allowing age discrimination against law-abiding Oregonians.
- Mandating individuals provide property and gifts in the form of locking safety devices when transferring a firearm.



- Mandating background checks for unfinished frames or receivers; however, the ATF does not classify these items as firearms, and, NICS will not perform background checks on items that are not firearms.
- Uses prior restraint to attack the First Amendment rights of individuals. See <https://www.firearmspolicy.org/grewal>

For the reasons stated above we strongly OPPOSE SB 978-1 and recommend that it not be considered for passage to the floor. If you have any questions or require assistance I am available to be reached at PJW@FPCHQ.org.

Respectfully,

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