

Date: March 20, 2021
To: Chair, Senator Floyd Prozanski
Vice Chair, Senator Kim Thatcher
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation
From: Kerry Spurgin
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Regarding: OPPOSITION to SB396, as written.



On behalf of OSSA, Oregon hunters, and citizens, I would like to testify, AGAINST SB396, as it is currently written. SB396 has two key parts, each written with redundant and technical issues: plus, a major flaw in implementation that will turn law abiding citizens felons, overnight!

The first half of SB396 is merely a redundant writing of the current federal statute (18 USC 922,923) regarding manufacture of undetectable firearms. Inclusion of this section is merely a grandstand of the ‘ghost gun’ media to invoke emotion in for support of SB396. Undetectable firearms is already covered by federal law and needs to be stripped from the bill.

The second half of SB396 seeks to eliminate untraceable and unfinished frames and receivers. As a baseline: current federal law enables one to build a firearm for their own lawful use – this is entirely consistent 2nd Amendment rights. This practice has been exercised for many years.

The heart of SB396 is two-fold: 1) the ability for a citizen to build a firearm and 2) making it traceable with a serial number. Building a tool such as a bow, an arrow, a knife, or a firearm for personal lawful use should NOT be prevented. Yes, today there are 2 classes of firearms with inconsistent serial number requirements, and these could be aligned. Requiring firearm components that are manufactured and sold as receivers, even as unfinished receivers to be serialized would make their end state consistent with a complete firearms sale/transfer.

A key issue with SB396 is that there is NO provision for how a law-abiding citizen can comply without becoming a felon on the day the SB396 passes. There is no process for transitioning a lawful personally built firearm with a unique personal serial number and therefore be compliant. Without this, SB396 makes felons of law-abiding citizens!

I am an Oregon citizen as well as a member and President of the Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA). The Oregon State Shooting Association directly represents nearly 15,000 members through member clubs and individual membership to foster safe and responsible firearms use as well as family-oriented shooting sports in Oregon. Additionally, OSSA provides information, resources, and assistance to over 100,000 Oregon hunters. OSSA, and its members, are strong supporters of the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights, the US Constitution, and the Oregon Constitution that support the rights and responsibilities of responsible firearm owners.

On behalf of OSSA’s Members, that the committee and the Oregon legislature REJECT SB396 – It will make felons of law-abiding citizens and have ABSOLUTELY NO impact on criminal use of firearms.

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