

Responsible Oregonian's Recommend Vote No!

Ballot Measure 114 (BM114) is a flawed and unworkable attempt to limit firearms sales in Oregon based on the erroneous assumption that guns cause crime. BM114 seeks only to establish a costly bureaucratic nightmare to make firearms ownership difficult for some, and nearly impossible for many. Obvious problems include:

- BM114 will have no effect on criminals or our uncontrolled crime wave as they do not follow the current laws or document gun purchases. BM114 will however, make criminals of Oregon's law-abiding citizens.
- Background checks are required and supported now. Adding redundant permits, processes, training, tests, etc. will be an extraordinary burden on law enforcement requiring an estimated \$400 million in tax dollars in the next 5 years for state-wide programs, staffing, and range constructions that are not now available.
- The costs and complications will hinder, or block, our marginalized populations (age, gender, race, orientation, ...) the most, as they attempt to provide self-defense for themselves and their families.
- BM114 is more likely to cost lives than save them, as it impedes efforts to prevent suicide and enables criminals to take advantage of unarmed victims.
- BM114 violates personal privacy and the 2nd amendment. Recent Federal court rulings have judged restriction of commonly owned firearms and accessories as unconstitutional.

BM114 is an example of special interest groups misleading well-meaning Oregon Citizens with a gun control agenda instead of seeking to save lives.

The Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges (OASR) support, our current background check and extreme protection (red flag) laws, as they prevent firearms possession by those with conditions that pose threats to themselves or others.

With key partners across Oregon, OSSA and OASR drive firearms safety, safe storage, children's safety, and suicide prevention in our communities. We develop and utilize safe ranges, education, training, with recreation and competitive programs.

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