

Resolution Opposing Oregon Ballot Measure 114, the Reduction Gun Violence Reduction Act, Affecting Firearm Ownership and Purchase Requirements (2022)

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon is a hunting and fishing State, where firearm ownership and storage is common in most homes in Oregon.

WHEREAS: The Oregon Legislature passed in 2021 Senate Bill 554 which requires a person to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock, in locked container or in gun room except in specified circumstances when not carried on their person and further limited the right to carry concealed with a valid permit at the state Capitol and many other state and local buildings.

WHEREAS: The citizens of Oregon are against mass shootings of innocent citizens by criminals.

WHEREAS: The citizens of Oregon believe that criminals who use firearms to commit a crime should be punished to the maximum extent of the law and should remain in jail till their trial to prevent any chance of a second crime.

WHEREAS: The citizens of Oregon oppose the draconian requirements found in Ballot Measure 114, the Reduction of Gun Violence Act, to limit the ability of a law-abiding citizen from purchasing a firearm for protection, hunting, target practice or competition shooting.

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 114 requires a citizen of Oregon to purchase a permit to buy a firearm from the County Sheriff's office or local Police Department, for a cost not to exceed \$65.

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 114 would require a permit to purchase for each category of firearms (pistol, rifle, shotgun) which would be valid for 5 years.

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 114 requires the citizen complete the following before the permit to purchase a firearm can be provided by the local Law Enforcement Agency. The applicant must complete a criminal background investigation, Psychological evaluation, be photographed and fingerprinted by the law enforcement agency, must provide proof (Certificate of Completion) of a Safety Class consisting of classroom training (review of relevant laws, safe storage, prevention of abuse and misuse of firearms) and hands on demonstration of proper firearm handling, live fire training and qualification conducted by a certified Law Enforcement Agency or Law Enforcement Instructor.

WHEREAS: Ballot measure 114 criminalizes the manufacture, importation, possession, use, purchase, sale, or transfer of ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 114 requires the State Police to create and maintain a database of all firearm transactions. Requires the State Police on or before January 31 of each year beginning in 2024, to publish a report indicating for each county the number of applications made to any permit agency, the number of permits to purchase issued and the number of permits to purchase denied and the reason for the denial. The department may, by rule, include any additional information that it determines would be helpful to ensuring the permit-to-purchase process is being administered in a consistent and equitable manner. Such as name, address, telephone number, photograph, and other permit application items that the law enforcement agency would like to release to the public.

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 114 requires the permit to purchase applicant to undergo a second background check at the time of each firearm purchase for the length of the permit to purchase (5 years).

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 114 allows the transfer of firearms within an extended family, providing that the transfer meets the legal requirements and is done by a licensed firearm dealer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oregon Republican Party opposes Ballot Measure 114 as it creates undue hardship on local law enforcement agencies that must administer the requirements found in Ballot Measure 114 and the citizens of Oregon who would be required to conform to this new law. Ballot measure 114 provides many opportunities for law abiding firearm owners to be found in criminal violation of this ballot measure.

This Resolution was duly voted on and adopted by the Oregon Republican Party Central Committee in accordance with their bylaws on _____, 20__.

Justin Hwang, Chair
Oregon Republican Party Central Committee

The Secretary of the Oregon Republican Party certifies that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution that was duly adopted at a meeting of the Oregon Republican Party on _____, 20__.

Becky Mitts, Secretary
Oregon Republican Party Central Committee