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## Oregon Senate Contemplates Work Session on Guns

SALEM – Many people in Malheur, Harney, Baker, Grant, and Lake Counties have contacted this office indicating serious concern over the proposed gun legislation heard by the Senate Committee on Judiciary last week. The bills heard were SB 347, 699, 700, & 796. An excellent review of these bills can be found in Senator Doug Whitsett’s (R-Klamath Falls) newsletter of April 3, 2013. This newsletter can be found by visiting his legislative website at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/whitsett/> and clicking on “news.”

If you have concerns about our second amendment rights, you may wish to share those concerns with the members of the committee:

Sen. Floyd Prozanski ([sen.floydprozanski@state.or.us](mailto:sen.floydprozanski@state.or.us))

Sen. Betsy Close ([sen.betsyclose@state.or.us](mailto:sen.betsyclose@state.or.us))

Sen. Jackie Dingfelder ([sen.jackiedingfelder@state.or.us](mailto:sen.jackiedingfelder@state.or.us))

Sen. Jeff Kruse ([sen.jeffkruse@state.or.us](mailto:sen.jeffkruse@state.or.us))

Sen. Arnie Roblan ([sen.arnieroblan@state.or.us](mailto:sen.arnieroblan@state.or.us))

A “work session” (the meeting held when the bills can be voted upon) on these bills has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16.

“We all want to do something to address the horror of the Clackamas and Connecticut shootings,” Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) stated. “However, these bills do not solve or adequately address the most significant underlying problem which, I believe, is the failure of our country to address mental illness. This means we have to do the hard work of finding real and meaningful ways to address mental health. Prohibiting certain types of guns or magazines or adding additional layers of process to transactions may make legislators feel good, but do not address the real problem.”

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