

## SB 740 Knife Bill Example Comparison

There has been a lot of discussion on school violence in regard to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article 27 of the Oregon Bill of Rights. This has been expressed by some Legislators in a series of new bill proposals to further regulate firearms whether the proposals be constitutional or not rhetoric is taking front stage instead of solutions. Solutions are needed not rhetoric.

SB 740 was filed so citizens could see what other countries have enacted after firearms were banned but school violence continued along with mass attacks after firearms were banned. The example bill was modeled after laws enacted in Japan. SB 740 is not intended for passage but rather to broaden the discussion on school violence and mass attacks. It is not simply a firearms issue. Japan and China have firearm bans but still have 100s of injuries or deaths from mass knife attacks. Dozens of countries have expanded from firearms bans to knife bans yet attacks continue.

Oregon and the nation face a growing mental health care crisis which a bipartisan group of Legislators is working on this session. This is step one.

President Obama's task force listed over twenty actions that are in existing laws that need to be re-emphasized or actually implemented under existing laws. If you have not seen the list, regardless of your position, you should review it. It is step two at the state level.

*Please contact your State Senator and State Representative to express your position on mental health, school violence, firearms, and even this bill or HB 3200. The Legislature is not a Board of Trustees but a participatory democracy so your voice matters. Contact your Legislator.*

Below you will find some links to information resources on the issues relating to firearms, mental health, and school violence. As with SB 740, the intent is to stimulate rational discussions that lead to meaningful improvements.

Link to President Obama's recommendations ... <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/01/16/list-executive-actions-obama-plans-to-take-as-part-anti-gun-violence-plan/>.

Link to DHS Active Shooter training program ... [http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active\\_shooter\\_booklet.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active_shooter_booklet.pdf) and <http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>.

Link to New York report on incidents ... [www.nypdshield.org/public/SiteFiles/documents/Activeshooter.pdf](http://www.nypdshield.org/public/SiteFiles/documents/Activeshooter.pdf).

Link to China article ... <http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/12/22-kids-slashed-in-china-elementary-school-knife-attack/>.

Link to China background ... [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/School\\_attacks\\_in\\_China\\_\(2010%E2%80%932012\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/School_attacks_in_China_(2010%E2%80%932012)).

Link to Japan & Country article ... [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knife\\_legislation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knife_legislation).