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Democrats unleash an all-out assault on Second Amendment rights *House and Senate bills erode bedrock constitutional rights of law-abiding Oregonians*

SALEM, Oregon. – Democrats are taking aim at Oregon gun owners' Second Amendment rights on multiple fronts this week. Armed with super majorities in both legislative chambers, hard-left Democrats are pulling out the stops to erode constitutional protections. The alarming move is both disturbing and unwarranted.

Democrats have brazenly doubled down on their gun control efforts. Dozens of bills have been introduced that would turn presently legal activity by law-abiding firearms owners into criminal acts, simply by keeping their firearms available to defend their home and family from criminals. Democrat bills would make the victim of a gun theft a criminal and even send them to jail. Allowing a friend to use a gun or rifle on shooting range could turn the owner into a felon.

“As usual, the Democrats are going after people who follow the rules. Bills like these target the compliant, while the Second Amendment suffers death by a thousand cuts. These bills only breed cynicism in responsible gun owners,” said House Republican Leader Carl Wilson (R-Grants Pass).

SB 978, an amalgamation of gun-control wish lists, is scheduled for a public hearing at 8 a.m. Tuesday. The bill would infringe the right of young adults to buy firearms, force owners to keep guns locked up and hold owners responsible for crimes performed by a criminal who has stolen their guns.

The House Judiciary Committee will hold a work session in Hearing Room 50 Tuesday on:

- HB 2505, which requires owner or possessor of firearm to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock or in locked container except in specified circumstances.
- HB 3299, like the initial form of SB 978, directs Department of State Police to conduct study on reporting of attempted unlawful firearm transfers and present report on findings to the Legislature. Similarly, the bill will look much different when it leaves the committee.
- HB 3329 would allow retailers to raise the minimum age to purchase firearms to 21.

