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### **Disarming law-abiding Oregonians is wrong** ***Bills to disarm Oregonians heard in House, Senate committees***

SALEM, Ore.—Tuesday, the Legislature held hearings on legislation that could lead to the disarming of Oregonians, render them defenseless against violent criminals and jeopardize the safety of students, families and communities. State Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, said that the bills are not in their final form and because of the way legislation is done in Salem, no one can rest or take these bills as they are now for the language contained in the bills.

“The way legislation is written relating to firearms, members can stuff broad and vague language into the bills. These bills, whether Senate Bill 978 or House Bill 2013, all boil down to making law-abiding Oregonians the ‘criminals,’” said Post.

Post cited the recent Supreme Court decision that threw out California’s magazine ban and pointed to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia’s statement in the Heller decision as proof that the package of bills are unconstitutional.

Justice Scalia wrote: “We must also address the District’s requirement (as applied to respondent’s handgun) that firearms in the home be rendered and kept inoperable at all times. This makes it impossible for citizens to use them for the core lawful purpose of self-defense and is hence unconstitutional.”

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