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Senate Republican Leader Statement on Attack on Second Amendment Rights

SALEM, Ore. – Yesterday, the super majority party released the latest attack on Oregonians’ Second Amendment rights in LC38. Nearly the same legislation as the “safe lock-up” bill last session, LC38 would not only require gun owners to secure a firearm with a trigger or cable lock at all times, but also makes them strictly liable or responsible for someone else’s criminal actions.

For example, if a law-abiding gun owner had their firearm stolen and it was used for a crime, the gun owner is potentially liable for all damages. The legislation would punish the victim whose property has been stolen for a crime someone else committed.

Senate Republican Leader Herman Baertschiger, Jr. (R-Grants Pass) released the following statement:

“This is the latest bureaucratic attack on Second Amendment rights. Obviously, the Democrats are continuing their crusade to turn law-abiding gun owners into criminals by making them liable for someone else’s criminal actions. Is Oregon the next Virginia?”

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