



ACTION OF THE WEEK

April 13, 2019

"Ending Gun Violence"

Your Action of the Week: "End Gun Violence by supporting 2 bills"

Today we pass on a message from Lift Every Voice Oregon, an advocacy group promoting the safe use of and storage of guns in order to reduce if not eliminate gun violence.

From [Lift Every Voice Oregon](#):

We thank all who were able to make contacts in support of [HB 3223](#) and [HB 3265](#). Your voice is truly making a difference. We will keep the pressure on.

Today, however, we have the opportunity to Lift Every Voice in favor of two very important bills that are moving through the legislature that will have a significant impact on gun safety and public health. They are [SB 978-5](#) and [HB 2013](#). A brief description of each follows:

- The Senate Bill ([SB 978-5](#)) has many strong provisions seeking responsible action by private gun dealers, stores and individuals who may raise the minimum age from 18 up to 21 for purchasers. All gun owners must use gun locks for transfer of guns and for storage where children may be present or be liable for injuries caused. Guns, even those carried by those with concealed carry permits, may be restricted from public buildings, and "ghost" or printed guns are declared unlawful anywhere. Other provisions increase fees for permit applications and require hospitals to report information about gun related injuries for analysis by OHP.
- The House Bill ([HB 2013-4](#)) provides that persons subject to court protective orders (e.g., for stalking or domestic violence) are prohibited from possessing firearms, including those already in possession, within 24 hours of the charge.

A panel from LEVO [Lift Every Voice Oregon] testified strongly in favor of SB 978, which has been passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee for a full vote of the Senate. HB 2013 is currently moving through the House. The letters of support offered by Lift Every Voice Oregon directors are posted on our LEVO web page [HERE](#).

Both of these bills will make a real difference in Oregon and we encourage you to e-mail, write or call your legislative leaders as well as the leadership of the House and Senate.

You can find a full roster of the legislature [HERE](#). When you make your contacts, let them know you are part of the Lift Every Voice Oregon [and OR UU Voices for Justice] movement, as well as any other associations you may have.

This year there have been a record number of bills brought to the legislative session related to gun safety and public health. Your voice and all who are part of Lift Every Voice Oregon are truly making a difference. Let's all continue this vital work for the well being of our children and youth and all Oregonians and encourage others to join the campaign with their time and gifts.

Blessings,

Rev. W. J. Mark Knutson, Chair, Lift Every Voice Oregon

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