

Proposal from A1

legislation and has decided not to schedule the bill for a hearing before his committee.

Prozanski has further stated that he has concerns with different parts of the bill, especially the requirements that a limit be placed on the number of bullets that can be purchased per month and that the potential buyer must show identification to buy ammunition.

“Unfortunately, there wasn’t anyone who had oversight or knowledge of different firearms” when crafting the bill, Prozanski said.

The primary concern for gun owners, is the rollback of laws that have been in place since Oregon adopted its constitution in 1857. The National Rifle Association’s (NRA) Institute for Legislative Action has targeted SB 501 as “the worst of the laws introduced since the seating of legislators elected in the 2018 mid-terms.”

According to the NRA’s online analysis, “In Oregon, we see just how extreme the anti-gun legislative agenda has become, thanks to Sen. Wagner and his proposal, which ... seeks to en-act a number of draconian restrictions on Oregon’s law-abiding gun owners. ... When you turn over the responsibility of creating new laws to children, you can expect some real doozies — and SB 501 delivers in spades. This truly extreme bill, should it become law, would establish magazine capacity limits and ammunition restric-

tions that only a child with little knowledge of the practical, lawful use of firearms could envisage.”

One of the most contentious elements of the legislation would require anyone that wished to purchase a firearm to fill out and submit an application, which would then be investigated by a member of the local sheriff’s department.

The loose protocols and flexibility that the legislation gives to the investigating officer to reject an application is also of particular concern to gun rights supporters. If the investigation revealed no cause for rejection, of which there are many, then the applicant could buy one hand gun.

This process seems to many gun owners to be clearly unconstitutional, as it restricts the right of citizens to arm themselves as they see fit.

There are also major concerns with sections of SB 501 that require valid state identification to purchase ammunition and limit legal purchases of ammunition to 20 individual rounds per month.

This relatively small number of rounds is ill considered, according to the NRA, which argues that practicing with a firearm is an essential part of becoming proficient in gun management and accuracy.

“The most egregious aspect of the ammunition limits, however, is that the more you shoot, the safer and more proficient you become,” the group’s website states. “This legislation, sold as a ‘gun-safety’ bill, could actually make law-abiding gun owners less safe, as they will undoubtedly-

ly practice less. Especially those who do most of their practicing in a lawful, safe manner, but not at a ‘target shooting range’ sanctioned by the gun control crowd.”

The legislation would also ban all magazines with a capacity greater than five rounds, requiring owners to turn into authorities any magazines that exceeded that limit. This insertion of state authorities into the processes governing firearm sales could be problematic and would likely spark numerous legal challenges as more of the specifics of the plan come to light.

There also appear to be issues with the enactment of SB 501, if it passes. The conflict with the Second Amendment of the U.S. Bill of Rights is foremost of these, as the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution gives federal law priority over state law.

This would mean the bill might be found to be unconstitutional.

In addition, there would also be considerable penalties attached to potential violations of the legislation. The receipt of a firearm without a valid permit could face a maximum of 364 days of imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both.

It also requires a person who owns or possesses firearms to secure those firearms with trigger or cable lock, or in locked container. It penalizes a failure to secure a firearm by maximum of 30 days’ imprisonment, a \$1,250 fine, or both.

In its prohibition of possessing a magazine with capacity to hold more than five rounds of ammunition, the law provides that

a person in possession of such magazine must sell or otherwise dispose of those magazines within 180 days of effective date of act. Failure to do so could result in 364 days of imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both.

The reaction to the introduction of SB 501 has been swift, not only from the gun lobby but also from state legislators.

Rep. Lynn Findley (R-Vale) of House District 60 said, “The people in my district have vocalized

that they will not tolerate the new gun legislation being proposed, specifically in SB 501. This legislation was introduced at the request of students living in the Portland metro area as a response to the devastating school shootings we have witnessed over the past few years. Although I believe that all Oregonians deserve to have their voices heard and we have the responsibility to ensure our students feel safe and protected in their schools, this legisla-

tion will not provide the desired outcome. Instead it would create nonsensical restrictions at the expense of law-abiding gun owners. I will therefore be voting against SB 501.”

The bill at this time is essentially dead as Prozanski is the only individual that can schedule a hearing on a specific piece of proposed legislation and he has made it abundantly clear that he will not schedule SB 501 for any follow-up action.

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Transportation (ODOT), which previously had jurisdiction over the highway.

The first change residents will see along Territorial are significant improvement to the 5.7 miles between Gillespie Corners and Lorane, including providing shoulders, realigning curves to improve sight distance, and stabilizing a land-

slide at Stony Point.

The improvement plan reflects community and neighbor input gathered in 2014. Lane County will be reaching out to neighboring residents and property owners later this year to discuss timelines and construction plans in more detail.

While Lane County takes on immediate jurisdiction for Territorial when it comes to ownership and permitting authority, maintenance of the

highway will transfer in three phases over the next five years. The first section to come under County maintenance this year is milepost 32.06 to milepost 42.08.

The second section to come under County maintenance is milepost 2.03 to milepost 19.49 in 2022.

The final section to come under County maintenance is milepost 19.49 to milepost 32.06 in 2024.

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April 2019 Calendar

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WEEKLY EVENTS VISIT THE CALENDAR CHOICES PAGE NEXT TO THE COMICS PAGE.

- 1 – MONDAY
5 p.m. LEGO Club for Big People [ages 13 and up] Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 2 - TUESDAY
7 p.m. Shade of Ireland Trip Orientation Reception Hall Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs
- 3 – WEDNESDAY
10:30 a.m. The Cottage Grove Community Center is hosting free AARP Tax Help every Wednesday through April 16th. Sign-up for tax help begins each Wednesday morning You may call 211 for more information. WALK-IN SIGN UP. Everyone is welcome to use this free Tax Help from AARP.
2:30 p.m. Lego Club Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E Gibbs Ave
3 p.m. Lego Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E Gibbs Ave
- 4 - THURSDAY
9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 5 - FRIDAY
5 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234
6:30 p.m. First Friday Potluck, Healing Matrix
8 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 6 - SATURDAY
12 p.m. Discover Exoplanets Family Fun Day Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 8 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 7 - SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 8 – MONDAY
5:30 pm. Costume Workshop: Paint Effects Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
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- 10 - WEDNESDAY
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3 p.m. Zathura (Discover Exoplanets Film Festival) Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Toast People (future Toastmasters Group) The Cottage Events Venue, 2915 Row River Rd
- 11 - THURSDAY
9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
10 a.m. Startup Coffee Meetup Backstage Bakery and Café 25 S 7th St
- 12 - FRIDAY
5:00 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234
8 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 13 - SATURDAY
5 p.m. Exoplanet Costume Party Dance (Discover Exoplanets) Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
8 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 14 – SUNDAY
PALM SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 15 - MONDAY
6 p.m. One Hundred Years of Solitude (Great American Read Book Club) Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 16 - TUESDAY
7:30 p.m. Third Tuesday Poetry Night at Axe & Fiddle, hosted by Kalapuya Books at the Axe & Fiddle Public House 657 E. Main Street
- 17 - WEDNESDAY
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2:30 p.m. STEAM Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave

- 18 - THURSDAY
9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 Gibbs Ave
5:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Business Afterhours host by the CASA of Lane County location to be determined
- 19 – FRIDAY
GOOD FIRDAY
5:00 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234
8 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 20 - SATURDAY
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oregon Trail Lace Makers, Willamette Oaks Retirement Center, Eugene.
8 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 21 - SUNDAY
EASTER SUNDAY
- 22 - MONDAY
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 Gibbs Ave
- 23 - TUESDAY
4 p.m. VisionKeepers Committee Meeting Reception Hall, Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 East Gibbs Street.
6:30 p.m. Jazz Jam at The Cottage, The Cottage Events Venue, 2915 Row River Rd
- 24 – WEDNESDAY
Administrative Professionals Day
2:30 p.m. STEAM Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
3 p.m. Star Trek (2009) (Discover Exoplanets Film

- Festival) Cottage Grove Community Center 700 Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Toast People (future Toastmasters Group) The Cottage Events Venue, 2915 Row River Rd
- 25 - THURSDAY
9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 Gibbs Ave
- 26 - FRIDAY
5:00 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234
8 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 27 - SATURDAY
8 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 28 - SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. The Sound of Music Cottage Theatre 700 Village Drive Cottage Grove
- 29 - MONDAY
1:30 p.m. Classic Movie Showing Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 Gibbs Ave
- 30 - TUESDAY


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