

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

4/16/2015

RESOLUTION 2015.10

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to gun safety

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, almost 3,000 children in the US die annually from firearms, while another 15,000 are injured from them; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the third leading cause of death among adolescents 15-19, with firearms being the most common and lethal method; and

WHEREAS, unattended firearms have no value in self-defense; and

WHEREAS, the theft of unattended firearms constitutes a significant threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and over 95% of police departments recommend safe storage of firearms; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable compromise on SB 945 could address these problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane County Democratic Party requests that the State Legislature pass legislation requiring the safe storage of unattended firearms and the extension of criminal and civil liability to those fail to do so.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, April 16, 2015**

Signed:

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Chris Wig

Celine Swenson-Harris

Chair

Secretary