

## Oregon lawmaker's sham knife-control bill echoed in Texas knife attack injuring up to 14



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Earlier this year, Oregon Sen. Brian Boquist, R-Dallas, [mocked gun-control legislation](#) by introducing a measure, [Senate Bill 740](#), to require background checks for knife sales.

His point, he said, is that it doesn't take a gun to have "mass attacks" and that legislators should focus on improving mental health services.

Boquist's argument might get more attention following a [knife attack Tuesday at a community college near Houston](#) that left as many as 14 injured. Details are still sketchy, but at least one victim was said to be in critical condition.

As Boquist argued, Tuesday's attack certainly shows that a knife-wielding assailant can cause great harm. Critics of Boquist's bill had argued that he's missing the point about the [special lethality of guns](#) -- and it wouldn't be surprising if they now emphasize that no one was killed in this knife attack.

A suspect has been reportedly arrested and KTRK TV reported that one witness said the suspect "[was armed with a knife similar to an exacto knife](#)," which "may be used in animal dissections."

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