I have a few observations about this bill **AFTER** we check the data to find out how many situations like this have occurred in the last few years:

- 1. It should be expanded to include all knives with a blade over two inches.
- 2. It should also call out severe penalties for the children who have the audacity to play with the weapons their adult companions leave available. A few years in prison should improve the children for life. And, each imprisioned child will only cost about \$30K/yr. A real bargain. We could probably fund it from the K-12 budget with hardly a ripple, except from those folks who want to raise taxes and take back the kicker.
- 3. Does the bill apply to adult companions who are murdered by their children while attempting to obtain the keys to weapons safes? Maybe there should be some civil liability of their estates?
- 4. And we are going to enforce this how? I suggest a residence by residence search of the entire state of Oregon.
- 5. Maybe this effort should be better spent on investigating the affordable housing fiasco in Oregon.

I wrote to Jonathan Swift for additional suggestions but his estate was too busy rewriting <u>Gulliver's Travels</u> to be of help.

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