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Restricting firearm purchases to those 21 years and over is discriminatory, grossly hypocritical, and unfair. The Democratic party has floated the idea of children as young as 16 years being allowed to vote, yet cannot tolerate lawful firearm ownership of those 18 years and older. 18 year old people are adults. They can drive an automobile, vote in state and national elections and join the United States' armed forces. Apparently, in Democrats' ageist view, adults are responsible enough at 18 to do those things, but do not possess the responsibility required to safely purchase or own a firearm--which is a Second Amendment right, enshrined in the Bill of Rights, the entire ten amendments of which are rights bestowed not by any government, but by our Creator. (Although, presumably they would be able to operate a firearm safely should they join the armed forces of this nation or even, God forbid, join the National Guard and serve in Oregon.)

It's extremely difficult for any person who has the ability to reason to understand the hypocrisy that is required to support this bill. Clearly, like many other bills proposed in the Oregon Legislature by Democrats, this is nothing but a prejudicial swipe at disempowering a class of citizens solely based on their age. While this should come as no surprise, it takes the State of Oregon back 150 years to post-slavery America where Democrats at the national level and in many states limited access to voting rights based on race and/or gender.

Please give this bill a little more thought before casting a vote and see this in the larger picture of discrimination rather than in our Governor's and Attorney General's lens of political expediency and desire to manipulate voters via a Democrat manufactured crime crisis that didn't exist prior to their intentional failings in law enforcement and criminal prosecution during and after the events of 2020.