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Oregon recently admitted that it has lost the war on drugs, by decriminalizing personal possession of heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine.

This bill is similarly futile in its aim. It proposes to criminalize what people create with their 3d printers.

Left unsaid is exactly how the state would propose to enforce this prohibition. Do you imagine that you can search the homes of everyone who owns a 3d printer? Do you imagine you can stop them from downloading plans for building firearms?

It is entirely possible to create a working firearm with a few dollars' worth of parts from Home Depot and a drill press, and this has been true for decades. Despite this, there is no epidemic of crimes being committed with home-built firearms.

This is a bad bill in search of a problem that doesn't exist.