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This bill is basically a re-write of measure 114 which passed in Oregon by a very narrow margin and has since been tied up in court where it looks extremely likely that it will be struck down as unconstitutional on several fronts. This bill creates a permit to purchase system and it raises the proposed fee in 114 from \$65 to \$150.

What makes the right to bear arms a second class right? What gives the legislature the authority to do this? Nothing does. In fact, both the Oregon constitution and the U.S. constitution specifically say that these rights should not be infringed. The constitution gives everyone the right to vote. It is not explicitly written in the constitution, but the US Supreme court has ruled that it is a right afforded by the constitution. The right to bear arms is very explicitly written into the constitution, and there is no doubt that it is protected. When then would people get mad when an ID is required to vote? The argument is that minorities can't necessarily afford to get an ID or drive to a place to get one. Why is that being overlooked here? People already have to spend money to have a background check done, they have to get permission to buy, and now you're proposing that people spend another \$150 for a fee, plus more for classes on handling firearms? How is this ok, yet ID's to vote are not ok? This proposed law is purely an attack on law abiding citizens in an attempt to harass and add barriers to exercise our rights. This bill is being pushed as an emergency. There is no emergency that requires trampling people's protected rights. You haven't even address the actual crime. PROSECUTE CRIMINALS. This law will be challenged and it will fail, thus it is an egregious waste of taxpayer money which, even if it didn't pass, would do nothing to stop crime.

If the purpose of this silly proposal is to prevent gun crime, then why isn't the crime actually targeted? Go after the crime and the criminals, not the inanimate objects that are used far more often in a legal manner than not. Prosecute crime, clean up the streets, look into mental health disorders and stop harassing your citizens! Vote NO.