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SB 348 is an end around the judicial process and is in some ways even worse for law abiding citizens than Measure 114. The Oregon Senate should be ashamed of themselves if this is advanced. Like Measure 114, SB 348 is clearly unconstitutional at both the state and federal level. SB 348 increases the fee for the permit to purchase to make it even less affordable for lower income people. This would disproportionately affect minorities, single mothers, and senior citizens on fixed incomes. SB 348 would make it more difficult for lower income people to exercise their right to obtain a firearm for protection, which is their right. This bill will eventually be struck down by the courts, even if it passes both legislative chambers and is signed into law by our Governor. I know people on both sides of contemporary gun control efforts can agree there are people such as the mentally ill and convicted criminals with a history of violence should not be allowed to possess a firearm. There are already laws in place that prohibit such people from purchasing and/or possessing firearms. I suggest our politicians focus their efforts on preventing individuals who are prohibited from possessing a firearm from doing so. There would be an overwhelming support from the general citizenry for such efforts. Stop trying to make it more difficult for law abiding citizens from obtaining or possessing firearms, because this will likely not save lives and will likely have the opposite outcome.