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There are numerous laws on the books aimed at reducing or eliminating crimes committed with weapons, including firearms. Why, then, do we need additional laws that will in effect take liberties away from law-abiding citizens in an effort to reach a crime reduction goal? Won't the net effect actually be to create more criminals out of our citizens using poorly thought-out legislation? Not to be banal, but wouldn't supporting enforcement of existing ORS statutes, and properly prosecuting and adjudicating those convicted of violating these laws be a more effective deterrent of future criminal behavior? Casting a wider net, instead of properly using the one we currently have, won't catch more fish.