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I understand that reducing gun violence is a worthy and importance cause, but I oppose HB 3075 because it does not actually address gun violence.

This bill retroactively criminalizes people who never broke the law, which violates the Ex Post Facto clause of the Oregon constitution.

By increasing the financial cost to be able to use a right (expressed by the US and the Oregon constitution), this bill discriminates against lower income individuals.

Furthermore, by giving police the ability to decide who has acces to this right, historically disenfranchised groups will be the most impacted. People of color are more likely to be targeted and discriminated by police, and this would allow for another of their rights to be restricted.

The State of Oregon is facing unprecedented challenges in the coming years due to the overreach of the Federal government. Our state is likely to be pulled into legal battles over land use and freedom of speech, among other issues. HB 3075, while well intentioned, is a waste of political and legal resources that our state will need for so many other issues.