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I strongly oppose Measure 114 in its entirety. The idea of having to pay the government to access your rights as an American is in its entirety, not only unconstitutional in both the Oregon and the US sense, but also sets a very dangerous precedence. Should we charge fees for every person that wishes to speak their mind and then jail them if they do not pay the king's tax. Or with today's trend. "Oh, I'm sorry. You only have Rights Standard Edition. You should have paid for the Rights Premium+ package which offers you due process." If you charge for one, you charge for all. On top of that, it is unfair to ask this of local law enforcement, who has been stretched so thin on what they can do. I have spoken with multiple agencies who have all said they will not be able to offer classes and permitting to their community as they just don't have the funding or personnel. They would have to pull officers and deputies from the streets. In doing so, it would leave communities vulnerable, thus less safe. Which is counter to the what this bill is saying it will do. Following that, we have the magazine ban. This ban is not only asinine, it's written so poorly that it in itself will charge individuals not knowledgeable in higher areas of firearms parts and components with criminal offences. Under how this ruling is written, just because your magazine is limited to 10 rounds, by this law's wording, does not make said magazine compliant. Further more, there has been no evidence pointing to the correlation between magazine capacity and gun violence. A law abiding citizen should not be limited in their ability to protect themselves, their friends, and their families. A limitation on that only harms those trying to live their lives. Especially in today's world where hard drugs have ravaged communities. You can ask and LEO how dangerous individuals hopped up on who-knows-what can be. Which is why they carry as many cartridges as they can. All this, along with Police response time getting longer and longer, you can see the issue at hand. But that issue is exacerbated when in order to get a firearm, you have to get a permit. Which a large portion of the state cannot get with reasonable action due to the law enforcement agencies being unable to provide them. Therefore, you've fundamentally removed a citizen's ability to exercise their rights. In no way is Measure 114 either common sense, reasonable, or constitutionally sound.