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I strongly oppose HB 3075. I believe it to be an unnecessary and overly restrictive law that doesn't actually address the issues it intends to. In 2023 (most recent year that I could find sourced stats for: <https://everystat.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Gun-Violence-in-Oregon-2.pdf> ), 78% of gun deaths in Oregon were suicides. Magazine restrictions do nothing when it only takes 1 round. On average there are 114 homicides by gun in Oregon. In the context of gun control, suicides and homicides have very different causes and solutions. Additionally, Oregon has an average of about 550 car crash related deaths, 4.8x more than firearms related homicides.

Oregon Ballot Measure 114, the basis for this bill. claims in its preamble that semiauto assault rifles and pistols "pose a grave and immediate risk to the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of this State". If 114 deaths per year are a grave and immediate threat, then what should car crash fatalities be classified as? Additionally, almost all rifles and handguns sold today come standard with magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. My conceal carry handgun, which is on the smaller end of the spectrum of size of pistols, holds 13 rounds as standard.

I'm a socially progressive person who also enjoys firearms for recreation and self defense, and to resist tyranny, should it come to that. I believe the democrat push to impose restrictive and ineffective gun laws will loose them voters. Including me.

I strongly oppose this bill, as well as measure 114. May it be struck down in the Supreme Court and strengthen gun access across the country.

Tangent: A gun control measure I would support: A permit to purchase that has a high barrier of entry in demonstrating shooting skill, safety, gun knowledge, gun knowledge, and good mental health. This permit should be reasonably priced and last many years. Then, once a person has this permit, they can buy any gun, own any NFA item, including fully automatic weapons. Make it difficult to be able to get a gun, but once proved trustworthy, reward the person with more freedom, instead of what HB 3075 does, which is increase the barrier of entry (theoretically vetting the potential gun buyer with a higher level of scrutiny) and then rewarding them with.. 10 round magazines.

Thanks for reading, have a good day!