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Oregon Constitution's Article I, Section 27 guarantees the right to bear arms for the defense of oneself and the state. This right is not unlimited and must be balanced against public safety concerns. Any laws that conflict with Article I, Section 27 are considered overbroad and void. The Oregon Supreme Court has interpreted this right to include both weapons commonly used for individual self-defense and those for state defense, but it does not provide an unrestricted right to carry arms.

The ability of an individual to protect themselves is a Right that cannot be dismissed. Oregon faces many obstacles, anything restricting a free people to be capable of defending themselves isn't one of those obstacles.