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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. This is the standard that firearms have held for half a century.