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I stand in opposition of this proposed bill. Carve outs and exceptions for active or retired law enforcement or parole officer's is not appropriate in any way. First, law enforcement is an extension of representation of the citizens they are given authority to protect and serve. Creating a class of people above the law is inappropriate and beyond reproach. Second, by creating a carve out for active and retired law enforcement to maintain standard capacity magazines over normal citizens has nothing to do with maintaining their mandated firearm training standards on a regular basis for active duty officers while working. Officers are citizens first, retired or not, and are NOT above the law. Retired LE or parole officers are not required to maintain ANY peace officer standards. How is it they are allowed a get out of jail FREE card while regular firearm owners, most of who train more regularly with firearms than active duty officers are required to do, get a felony for not following this bogus law? And Third.. Read this: The Oregon Constitution Article 1, section 20 Current as of January 01, 2023. No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens. Period. This proposed law is a flagrant disregard for state constitutional law right out of the gate. It will certainly be challenged with a law suite. Law enforcement officers are supposed to be an example of the citizens they protect. Not used as a political pawn and given "special deals" outside of being on duty while working wearing a badge. No law should give them special privileges over their fellow citizens, nor the constitution they swore to protect.. Thank you.