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I oppose this bill on the grounds that it discriminates against the ability of those under a specified age their constitutional right to possess a firearm.

The vagueness of this bill and its exceptions leave gapping holes that will create additional limitations of Oregon's constitutional right to bear arms. My proudest memories of growing up were of my first firearm purchase. I saved the monies I earned doing odd jobs one entire summer to purchase my first rifle at the age of 10. The additional memories that I will always carry of days spent with my father as he taught me gun safety and hunting are priceless.

Now as a grandfather I look forward to encouraging my grandchildren as they build cherished memories of their freedom to purchase their first firearm. The memories which I will be building alongside them will be stolen from me seeing the determination to save their monies, then choose the right firearm for themselves and then having one of their parents or I can only hope grandparents taking them to the FFL of their choice and making their first purchase. Families already have diminishing opportunities to engage in wholesome entertainment and bonding events to create healthy homes. I ask that you don't steal from your citizens the chance to build a common sense choice of so many Oregonians who have safely done for decades.