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HB 2006 is self defeating if the purpose is to "reduce crime" and is an insult to all Oregonians aged 18 through 20 years old. It is self defeating because it violates a right protected to all citizens who have the right to vote and serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. If being young and causing others harm is to be declared illegal, then perhaps we should prohibit everyone from obtaining a driver's license until they are also 21 years old or older. Let's face the truth, teenaged drivers are involved in a much higher percentage of the more than 40,000 deaths that occur in the U.S. than teenagers are involved in the less than 4,000 deaths by firearms (including suicides) each year in the U.S. This proposed bill will do nothing to reduce crimes by people legally considered adults and once again only criminalizes law abiding citizens who own firearms while also reducing the ability of persons legally considered adults from being able to defend themselves against criminals who by definition do not obey the law anyway.

Please, if you want to reduce violent crime then propose something that will actually reduce the chance that a criminal can commit a crime. Stop trying to leave law abiding citizens defenseless.