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I oppose this bill.

I was given my first firearm at 6 years old, my second at 8 years old. I was also brought up in a household where guns were a part of life and we were taught gun safety from day one. We were taught to respect them, how to handle them and how to safely shoot them. Oregon has a long history of people younger than 18 having firearms. Not so long ago Portland schools had firing ranges. Kids were taught how to safely handle firearms and how to shoot them. What has changed? I'll tell you what has changed. People have been conditioned to fear firearms not respect them. People have started to rely on state legislators to make laws to keep them safe. This is a fools game. It doesn't work. Gun violence is a systemic problem created not by "gun culture" but by laws that protect criminals and vilify law abiding citizens.

I am in my 50's and I find this law, even though it won't affect me, absurd.

Focus on mental health and stopping gang violence and you'll actually make a dent.