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I have been a democrat for a long time. I want this state to improve, however SB348 is not an improvement. None of this addresses any of the core issues with violence and suicides and in many ways it appears to be trying to punish the poor that feel afraid and feel the need the self defense. The costs are skyrocketing (and if you think the fees won't be at the top of the price ceiling I have a bridge to sell you) with little to no way for a citizen to appeal an denial beyond resubmitting. If the state feels the need for permits the process and costs needs to be similar to that of a driver's license and tax credits should be provided to those with lower socioeconomic status. The ridiculous increase to the allowed time frame also demonstrates that this is not done in good faith. There still appears to be no funding providing to even allow parts of the requirements to proceed. This is not an emergency and not allowing this to be referred to the public is further demonstration that the legislation no longer cares about the citizens of Oregon.

This whole thing needs to be torn down and redone in a manner that is constitutional and done in good faith.