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The last year the FBI has data for how many guns were stolen in the USA is 2019 at about 173 thousand. That is a per capita rate of 0.000528. If you cut that in half, saying only half that number of guns were stolen, and apply that to 1968 thru 2018 the total comes to about 3.5 million stolen guns in the hands of criminals. Let's just round down to 3 million.

By Oregon's part of the US population, that is about 40,000 guns in the hands of criminal in Oregon. Criminals will sell a gun to anyone. Even if SB348 is passed, anyone can still buy a gun anytime. That has always been the case in the USA, even in the states with the strictest gun control, to reiterate, anyone can buy a gun anytime anywhere in the entire country due to the black market.

If in the case someone is going to buy a gun off the black market, SB348 has absolutely no effect, and no benefit.

So who does the permit to purchase effect? Two possible groups. Law abiding citizens, and persons with no criminal record but with criminal intent.

What impact will the permit to purchase have on law abiding citizens? For the size and scale of sport shooting and particularly hunting in Oregon, we do not have a negligent shootings, death or injury problem. Oregon's gun owners are fairly careful folks. Applied to law abiding gun owners, SB348 is just another burdensome government solution in search of a problem. The last thing we need is more ineffective laws.

What impact will the permit to purchase have on folks with criminal intent who can pass the requirements?

You will literally make them better trained, more effective, more deadly killers. You are literally making violent criminals more deadly by forcing them to take gun training. To recap:

Anyone can buy a gun anytime no matter how many gun control laws you pass. There is no upside where law abiding gun owners are concerned, only burden. You are literally making violent criminals who get a gun through retail channels, more deadly.

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Now the magazine ban. After the Bruen decision by the US supreme court, the test for the constitutionality of gun control laws is no longer public safety. It is now, if there is no pre 1860's historical analog for the new law, the law is unconstitutional. There is no historical analog for firearm ammunition capacity. The magazine ban will be thrown out, as is in the process of happening in California right now. The only thing that will happen is law abiding gun owners will be jerked around (as they already have been by the disastrous measure 114) and in the end the ban will be thrown out.

This will cost gun owners needlessly, hurt business (as measure 114 has already shut down many businesses around the state including small rural mom and pop gun shops, good going Lift Every Voice), it will cost the entire state money in terms of knowingly trying to force an unconstitutional law on it's citizens, by wasting money on doomed court fights.

To recap:

The magazine ban will be thrown out in light of the Bruen decision.

The citizens money will be wasted playing games with their property.

Businesses will be hurt, they already have.

The citizens money will be wasted more paying for the state to try to force unconstitutional laws onto themselves.

My belief I'm living in the Idiocracy movie will be reinforced.