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It seems SB 348 simply attempts to institute Measure 114 in order to get around the legal issues. However, it does not make these restrictions any more constitutional. Magazine limits have been declared unconstitutional even in liberal states such as California. Increasing the age to purchase a firearm beyond the age of 18 makes no sense. If people who are less than 21 years old are more likely to misuse weapons, then why do we let them in our military? The fees that go with a permit to purchase are simply another tax. Many people such as concealed carry holders have already been vetted. The only reason for requiring such individuals to obtain a permit is simply to slow down the process making gun ownership more expensive and more red tape in the hopes that it will decrease purchases. A permit for each purchase makes no sense. Next are you going to require we get a driver's license for every trip we make? I tried to purchase a firearm recently and was unable, due to the current long wait and since I was out of town and only there for a few days the purchase was not feasible. So, in essence you have already restricted the right of a law-abiding citizen to purchase a firearm. Why would you want to do this. As legislatures I believe you have sworn to uphold the constitutions of both Oregon and the United States of America. So, I ask why you would even consider a law that would be in opposition to this oath? I strongly encourage you to oppose SB 348 and any other bills that attempt to strip citizens of their constitutional rights.