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While the legislature's efforts to make Oregonians safe, this proposed legislation WILL NOT achieve your goals. Simply put, the legislation is aimed at the wrong population. Law-abiding Oregonians are not the problem. We venerate and support our laws and our safety personnel. Miscreants are the perpetrators of crime with firearms. If a person is bent on breaking the law in the use of firearms, do you suppose that they will magically choose to obey this proposed statute? If you do, then, you are woefully ignorant of human nature. However, I doubt this is the case. It appears that you have a political agenda, regardless of the U.S. Constitutionally protected RIGHT to keep and bear arms. The contention that this RIGHT only refers to the weapons then extant is both spurious and absurd. I am 78 and a 100% disabled army veteran (service 1962--1968). I lost many friends and comrades in the protection of the sacred U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Have these men and women, having fallen in battle in its protection, (not to mention those who still live with the war's effects nor the millions of widows and children who have lived without a parent, brother or sister), served and sacrificed to provide this legislature with the opportunity to promulgate laws which the Supreme Court of this great country has specifically ruled as UNconstitutional? Not to mention the fact that each of you have sworn, under oath, to PRESERVE and PROTECT this Constitution of the United States of America, together with its Bill of Rights against all enemies, foreign or domestic. How dare you even contemplate such a travesty!