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I am a lawful gun owner, CHL holder and veteran. Every time I purchase a firearm, I go through the lawful process. I am one of thousands upon thousands of citizens who do things the legal and right way. We have reverence for the law, and we exercise our rights. This bill wants to put in place measures that work directly against us. This bill will not do anything to mitigate gun violence by perpetrators who hold no reverence for the law or their fellow citizen. Around 80-85% of gun violence in Oregon is suicide. Which means that the emphasis should be on people who are suicidal. A permit to purchase (which follows the same background check required to get a gun, or a CHL) will not mitigate a suicidal person from obtaining a firearm. A magazine capacity limit will not mitigate a suicidal person from harming themselves. What these limitations will do though is make it harder for people of lower socioeconomic status to exercise their rights. It forces law-abiding citizens to pay yet another tax to exercise their rights. It violates supreme court rulings, and it violates the Oregon constitution and the constitution of the United States. If democratic legislatures actually cared for law and order, and the preservation of life by those who are suicidal, then they would focus efforts on mental health treatment and better criminal justice. This bill is not justice, it's oppression against people who have done no harm. I oppose this bill strongly, it's written with the sole intent to collect revenue and oppress citizens from exercising their rights. No part of this bill cares about the wellness of citizens, there is nothing here that will mitigate an already low amount of gun violence in this state.