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I strongly oppose this legislation. Measure 114 passed with the slimmest majority. It should have been subjected to a recount due to that, but it's painfully obvious that the people in control of making a recount happen wanted this measure in place. The effect of the measure is to make law abiding gun owners in this state instant criminals. And it does absolutely nothing to the actual criminals. Oregon already had one of the most strict background check rules/requirements in the nation. Requiring a permit to purchase is essentially having to ask permission to then ask for permission again through the background check process. And the magazine capacity limit is ridiculous - I'm sure that the criminals will comply with that.

Guns are inanimate objects. It is the people that use them for nefarious purposes that are the problem. What will be next on the list of things to ban in the name of public safety? Hammers? Screwdrivers? What about cars since they can be so deadly? Why don't you as our legislature work on fixing the mental health system that has been gutted over the years. And maybe actually punish the criminals, rather than give them minimal sentences, or even just let them go as seems to happen quite a bit.

There are many more problems that need to be addressed in this state that you should be focusing on, rather than spending SO MUCH time and energy and taxpayer money on gun legislation that takes our constitutional rights away.