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Here's is my opposing perspective to the proposals contained in HB3075, along with an alternative approach to ensuring the safety of Oregonians while also, respecting OURs and to include yours -> constitutional rights:

Opposing Opinions

1. **Infringement on Constitutional Rights:** The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms. HB3075's increased fees, extended waiting periods, and stricter eligibility requirements could be seen as barriers that disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens, potentially infringing on their rights.
2. **Economic Disparity:** Raising fees for firearm permits may disproportionately impact individuals from lower-income backgrounds, creating inequities in exercising their constitutional rights. Single moms deserve the right to protect their children without ridiculous and unnecessary additional beurocracy, and fees for administration. This is government waste without addressing root causes to gun crime and violence. Rich people are not the ones impacted or fighting to live day to day in a violent uncoordinated tricity 'protected community'. The city reduced the police force not the citizens. Don't make it harder to protect ourselves. Its common sense.
3. **Effectiveness Questioned:** Stricter regulations on legal firearm ownership may not effectively address the root causes of gun violence, such as illegal firearms and mental health issues.
4. **Emergency Declaration Concerns:** Declaring an emergency to bypass public challenges could be perceived as undermining democratic processes and public trust. Where is this "Emergency?? What a misuse of authority!! When forests are burning...that's an emergency. When rioting occurs in the streets of Portland, that's a state of Emergency. The current state of our ignored Oregon Parks is in a state of Emergency. Fix the public land so people have a place to go to get away!!! again the rich people are not going to Parks...they are dirty and not safe. Focus on what matters, please!!

Alternative Approach

To ensure public safety without infringing on constitutional rights, consider the following measures:

1. **Community-Based Violence Prevention Programs:** Invest in initiatives that address the root causes of violence, such as poverty, education, and community engagement.
2. **Enhanced Mental Health Support:** Provide accessible mental health services and crisis intervention programs to address underlying issues that contribute to violence.
3. **Strengthened Enforcement Against Illegal Firearms:** Focus on cracking down on the illegal firearm trade and ensuring that existing laws are effectively enforced.

4. Voluntary Training Programs: Encourage voluntary firearm safety training programs without making them mandatory, fostering a culture of responsible gun ownership.

Thank you for your consideration of an opposing opinion.