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Gun ownership in Oregon harkens back to our statehood. Oregon is filled with hundreds of thousands of legal gun owners. HB 3075 much like measure 114 punishes citizens in good standing for attempting to obtain a firearm, while the criminal element in our society will continue to commit acts of gun violence unabated. Furthermore allowing law enforcement to be the arbiter of all gun purchases is guaranteed to create a system of unequal access to a constitutionally protected right. Oregon's gun violence problem is almost entirely driven by poverty , mental illness, and drug addiction. Addressing those societal ills will make a much larger impact than limiting the rights of law abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional rights. Finally, as Oregonians we value diversity, but currently the most powerful human in the world is actively seeking to limit the rights of groups he deems to be morally "corrupt", limiting the gun rights of Oregonians only curtails our ability to defend ourselves should a true democratic crisis occur. Thank you for considering my points.