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I'm concerned about the fiscal impact of this proposed legislation. Is there a fiscal impact study on HB 3075? The law enforcement agencies seem to lack the staffing and funding to adequately implement a training and licensing program, and frankly have more important demands on their limited time and resources. With a background check requirement already in place at time of purchase, much of the permit-to-purchase seems redundant. I feel that the original ballot measure as presented to voters, if not intentionally deceptive, was certainly confusing, especially to those not familiar with the requirements already in place. Measure 114 passed in only 6 of Oregon's 36 counties, and only by a very slim margin. If the legislature is confident that they are exercising the desires of the citizenry, then fix this legislation and place it on the ballot, rather than trying to push it through. The affirmative defense aspect, the challenge to legality restrictions and the emergency clause aspects all point towards an effort to minimize the ability of the citizenry to mount any meaningful opposition to this poorly drafted legislation, and to make compliance challenging. Draft better legislation, give an honest assessment of the fiscal impact, and let the people decide rather than forcing it upon us.