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This is not about requiring a background check to buy a gun, Oregon already has that law, but many media outlets have been misleading in representing it as a background check. This bill requires a class that must be passed in order to request a permit be issued in order to submit to a background check to than be allowed to buy a gun. It is my understanding that the classes that would be required don't exist and the law enforcement agencies that would be required to provide classes have no willingness or ability to do what the law would require of them.

Along with requiring classes that don't exist prior to asking for a background check this law would also make standard capacity magazines illegal to purchase and put severe restrictions on magazines already owned.

Ballot measure 114 is in a ping pong match of legality, currently deemed constitutional. While that is going on Oregon's Democrat party is trying to rush this through under "emergency" conditions with no Republican support.

Oregon Democrats legalized drugs, eliminated Portland's gang unit and got rid of their gun violence prevention unit. To claim that they are working toward public safety is to ignore reality.

If safety classes are beneficial they should be offered at no charge to all citizens, perhaps as a class for high school seniors and at community colleges. Instead what the Democrats are pushing is no different than a "poll tax" required to vote from the Democrats Jim Crow era. The purpose of this law is to disenfranchise law abiding Oregonians.