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Testimony on SB-697
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The Oregon Hunters Association, representing over 12,000 members, is vehemently opposed to SB-697. The Legislature needs to stop this never-ending assault on our Constitutional Right to keep and bear arms.

We use a variety of firearms for hunting as well as self-defense. People aged 18 to 21 shouldn't be made into second-class citizens! All these people will have completed the Oregon Hunters Education class prior to going into the field to hunt. These great classes teach safe gun handling among other things.

There is no reason to limit people in this age range from using a semi-automatic shotgun, or a semi-automatic firearm. People at age 18 can vote, drive, fight and die protecting our country. There is no reason whatsoever why they can't enjoy hunting with any legal firearm of their choice.

We are trying to encourage participation in hunting by youth and women. SB-697 puts up another needless barrier to participation.

The Oregon Legislature should tackle the state's real problems. This is not one of them. Trying to micromanage the use of specific firearms by people 18 to 21 is a waste of time. Stop putting forward bills that violate the state and federal Constitution!!!!

SB-697 should be buried once and for all.