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Wow, what was supposed to be a study on the the state's gun dealers has now morphed into an omnibus bill that unleashes a barrage of draconian anti-gun legislation. What I find so snide in this act, is that the majority party has done this on purpose. To create a bill that hits so many issues that the 90-120 seconds of public testimony is woefully insufficient to attack all the points on all the separate issues this bill covers. This is a malicious act designed to suppress testimony because there has been no, or minimal notice whatsoever for those opposed to express their objections- but hey, that's how the majority party operates. Allow me to object to this monstrosity piece by piece.

Dealer waiting period: A person who passes a background check should never have to wait an additional 3 days to receive their firearm. This delay can have an adverse effect on those who may be under threat of their lives who purchased the firearm for protection. Such a delay could cost lives.

Rapid Fire Activators: This is a device that has not shown any prevalence in criminal use. Criminal will not obey this law, as such, there is no safety to be gained from enacting such a law.

Firearm Age Restrictions: 18-21 year old adults should not be restricted on the type of firearm they can purchase. Most of the criminals in this age group are gang members who will not comply with this law and still obtain the type of firearms this bill target through the black market.

Public Area Restrictions: This bill targets concealed handgun license holders for reasons that are beyond me. I've been a 22 year resident of the state and have never heard of any misconduct, public safety threat, or shooting in a public building caused by the holder of a concealed handgun license. This law is another dilution of the state's pre-emption statute, will not increase public safety, and is another creation of a gun free zone that creates a target rich environment for the criminal element.

In all, it appears the majority party has nothing but a rank contempt for lawful Oregon gun owners, and sees fit take every opportunity do diminish the 2nd Amendment rights of the same.