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Although I oppose the majority of this bill my biggest concern is with the restrictions on firearm possession by people under the age of 21. I have been a hunter safety instructor since 1982. Hunter education is mandatory for anyone under the age of 18 that wants to hunt in Oregon. The hunter ed course requires instructor supervised live fire in order to complete the class and this bill will make it illegal for an instructor to provide a firearm to a student unless that student is their child. The bill would also make it illegal for any coach to provide firearms to youth involved in firearms related competition such as high school trap, skeet or sporting clays teams. Oregon already has numerous firearms purchase and ownership laws in place and I seriously doubt that the addition of SB 243 is going to address our problem of mentally deranged individuals shooting up a business or school; they do this because they have mental issues not because they are holding a firearm.