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I oppose bill 697.

First this already exists in another form:

Oregon Firearm Laws: "In Oregon, the minimum age to purchase a gun varies by type: 21 years old for handguns and 18 years old for rifles and shotguns. In Oregon, it's illegal to sell a gun to a minor.

Many wonder about the legal age for using a firearm in Oregon, which is 18 years old. However, there are exceptions that allow minors to use firearms under specific circumstances, including:

With parental consent, minors may use non-handgun firearms.

Minors can temporarily possess firearms for hunting, target practice, or other lawful purposes.

Handguns may be possessed and used by minors if they are provided by a parent."

*My concern is since voters have no restriction on voting - at age 18, and since 18 year-olds are citizens of the USA, what does this say about our constitution? Why should 18 year olds be required to be 18 year olds to volunteer for the military (while in 1776 the age was 15)? Why would those 18 year-olds in the military allowed to carry a gun?