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I strongly oppose. Preventing gun related crimes, suicide etc will not work with this bill. People who want to commit suicide don't just make the decision in a split second, it is a thought out process. 72 hour wait will not deter them from suicide. I know people who have died by gun suicide and also from taking pills on purpose. I don't blame the tool used, I blame their lack of access to mental health services here in Oregon. If they have a will to die, they will do it no matter what. Most people who get firearms to use them for crimes, don't go to a gun store to get them anyways. I saw an interview with a local criminal, that stated he can get a gun within minutes and cheaper than any gun store. Just takes a phone call. Punishing law abiding citizens that go through the proper means to acquire a legal gun for legal reasons, does NOT help the actual issues behind crime and suicide. Delaying the purchase of a firearm will do more harm than good for people who need the TOOL to protect themselves or others. We already have a process to buy firearms and it has lengthy delays in processing. Adding 72 hours is pointless. If lawmakers really cared about citizens of Oregon, they would shoot down (pun intended) all of the outrageous bills to restrict our second amendment rights and put a whole lot more effort into education, mental health resources and uplifting our law enforcement officers to help them do their job more effectively. Stop trying to punish the people who are NOT doing anything wrong.