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Suicide makes up the largest share of deaths by firearm in our State, more so than many other States. I always found it ironic that gun control advocates seem to ignore that fact, instead choosing to focus on restricting law-abiding gun owners rather than actually helping reduce the real harm that firearms can cause when they fall in the wrong hands at the wrong time. Ineffective policies like purchasing limitations, waiting periods, magazine capacity restrictions, etc are feel good, so called "common-sense" policies that in my opinion, ignore reality while infringing on constitutional and natural human rights.

I appreciate that HB 3884 does none of those things and instead addresses a real need. Giving lawful gun owners an option to temporarily and securely remove firearms from their possession is a no-brainer solution to a real problem. There are a litany of reasons why a lawful gun owner may have the need to remove firearms from their possession... mental health crises, insecure housing situations, potential for unauthorized access, and more I probably can't think of. Giving Oregonians an option to secure firearms temporarily without violating a law or losing access to their firearms permanently is intelligent and grounded in reality, I support it.