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I am submitting testimony in opposition to SB697. I am a retired law enforcement officer and spent part of my career training officers and civilians the responsible use of firearms. This bill, like all of the current bills related to firearms, will have no effect on crime and criminals. Criminals do not follow laws. Individuals that are 18 years old can vote, serve in the military, take out loans, buy cars, buy houses and enter into contracts as other adults and as such are expected to honor those contracts. With 18- to 20-year-olds expected to handle those responsibilities, how can Oregon's elected officials decide that this demographic of their constituents not be responsible enough to own and possess certain firearms? Based on bad decisions by a small minority of their constituents in that age group the Oregon Legislators think that it is a good idea to violate the rights of all of them.