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This comment is opposing the entirety of SB0243 as facially unconstitutional. Machine guns are protected arms under the second amendment. The committee has tried again and is unable to define what it wants to ban. Machine guns are already banned (unlawfully so) at the federal level. This bill aims to ban full auto action again at the state level, along with the semi-automatic action of firearms. To quote

“Forced reset trigger” means a device that, when built into, installed in or attached to a firearm, mechanically forces the trigger to reset into a firing position after each round is fired.

This language bans most, if not all semiautomatic actions. After firing, a Glock trigger is reset by the slide moving against the spring-loaded connector. Try it yourself. Dry fire and watch the trigger as you rack the slide. The cycling of the slide after firing "mechanically forces the trigger to reset."

This is but one example of the hopelessly ignorant language that is pervasive in this bill. Whatever the intentions, Oregon should not enact legislation that will later obligate it to spend millions defending the indefensible in court.