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I oppose this bill. There is no funding in place for the permit to purchase scheme (which is still tied up in court), in this time of budget shortfall the state can not afford this, nor can the local public safety agencies. With cuts being made to things like libraries and senior centers why are we trying to put forth a bill that is expensive with no funding? Would those dollars not be better spent on mental health? "mass shootings" are cited as a need for this bill among other things but bolstering the mental health system especially for juveniles would prevent a lot of these tragic events.

This bill only focuses on the law abiding citizen. They are not the cause of gun crime, the criminal is. I see no enhancements for theft of fire arms or possession of stolen firearms in the legislature yet that is where a lot of these "crime guns" come from. Often gun theives are given mere probation when caught.

In summary this bill is unaffordable, takes away public safety resources, violates civil rights (oregon constitution and US), and most importantly won't address the root cause of the issue, the criminal. I strongly urge you to not move this bill forward.