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Oregon Legislators,

As reported by The Oregonian, Statesman Journal, The Salem Reporter, and the conclusion of the Salem Police Department and Empower Initiative's Gun Violence Problem Analysis report, the VAST majority of crimes involving firearms in Oregon are committed by repeat offender felons and youth under the age of 18. Those groups are already prohibited from possessing firearms.

In contrast Oregon Concealed Handgun License (CHL) holders are law abiding people. Only people who meet Federal AND State requirements, including the ORS 166.291(1)(h) requirement of not having been convicted of any misdemeanors in the previous four years, may legally receive a CHL from an issuing law enforcement agency.

If a person threatens another individual with a firearm outside self defense or defense of another that is already illegal as Menacing, a Class A misdemeanor (ORS 163.190) and Unlawful use of weapon, a Class C felony (ORS 166.220).

Since "gun control" isn't working, and CHL holders must be law abiding to obtain a CHL, it looks like the real goal here is to legislate the ability for the people to carry guns away little by little, session by session.

Left leaning voters like myself with critical thinking skills will not support you attacking our right to self defense.

Stop making our human and civil rights your politics.