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I oppose this measure. From the hearing video I have watched it appears the sponsors have no idea about guns, or existing gun laws on Oregon. This bill and others like it will do nothing to reduce crime so so called gun violence. There is no such thing as gun violence, there is only violence. if you look at FBI crime statistics, you will see that all rifles are used in very few homicides, the so called assault rifles are not specifically tracked, but it included and is something less than the figure for rifles in general. Fists, blunt objects and knives are used in more homicides than rifles. Limiting magazine capacity is another useless feel good measure. with very little practice an magazine can be changes in under 2 seconds, not nearly enough time for an unarmed person to have any chance of stopping a shooter. A gun is merely a tool used by a criminal to commit their evil. Since criminals by definition do not obey laws, one more law will not deter them one bit.

Restrictions on CHL holders does not pass the smell test either. CHL holders have a lower crime rate than police officers, let that one sink in. I have never heard of a CHL holder being a mass shooter, actually quite the opposite, the have reduced or prevented them. Since criminals often specifically seek out gun free zones to commit crimes, it follows that creating more gun free zones will have the opposite effect of reducing crime.