Problem:
Assault weapons have been used in some of the deadliest shootings over
the last decade and are becoming increasingly more popular in mass
shootings.\(^1\) Assault weapons are semi-automatic weapons with at least one
military-style feature [see picture on back] and the weapon design itself,
including modifications, make the weapons easier to fire and allows them
to fire more accurately and rapidly than a typical hunting rifle.

In fact, a standard AR-15 .223 caliber bullet travels at 3,251 feet per second
and delivers 1300 foot pounds of kinetic energy. By comparison, the bullet
of a 9mm handgun travels at 1,200 feet per second and delivers a kinetic
energy of 400 foot pounds.

“I am a trauma surgeon, and I’ve seen what AR-15s can do… a typical 9mm handgun
wound to the liver will produce a pathway of tissue destruction in the order of 1-2
inches. In comparison, an AR-15 round to the liver will literally pulverize it, much like
dropping a watermelon onto concrete results in the destruction of the watermelon.”
- Dr. Ernest E. Moore

Solution:
Washington must prioritize public safety over personal hobbies and take
steps to ban the sale of dangerous assault weapons.

11X
Assault weapons are 11 times more likely to be used in
a mass shooting than a handgun.\(^2\)

7X
They are also 7 times more likely to kill law
enforcement compared to any other firearm.\(^3\)

Around the US:
Seven states\(^4\) have passed similar legislation banning these weapons. Multiple
federal courts\(^5\) have upheld these public safety bans as constitutional and the
Supreme Court has allowed these decisions to stand as good law.

Legislation:
This legislation prohibits the sale, manufacture, transfer, transport, and
import of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines in Washington
state. It also requires safe and secure storage for those weapons that will
be grandfathered by possession on the effective date of the legislation and
allows reasonable exemptions for law enforcement, military members, and
shooting ranges.
Anatomy of an Assault Weapon

Telescoping stock: More compact for better maneuverability

Detachable High Capacity Magazine: Allows rapid reloading for sustained fire

Forward Grip: Provides greater control over recoil for rapid fire

Pistol Grip: Provides greater control during rapid fire

Combination Flash Suppressor and Muzzle Brake: Reduces muzzle climb and preserves shooter’s eyesight