

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 3 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Rosenbaum

Nays: Atkinson, Ferrioli

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates affirmative defense exempting concealed handgun licensees from crime applicable to possession of firearm or other instrument used as dangerous weapon, while on school grounds. Applies exception for parking lots to community colleges and universities. Permits school district, community college district or Oregon University System to adopt rule or written policy that authorizes person with concealed handgun license to possess firearm on school grounds under control of district or Oregon University System. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Difference between of “deadly weapon” and “dangerous weapon”
- Removal of term “loaded firearm”
- Ability of school district, community college or Oregon University System permit concealed handgun licensee to possess firearm
- Impact on gun-related crimes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Applies exception for parking lots to community colleges and universities. Permits school district, community college district or Oregon University System to adopt rule or written policy that authorizes person with concealed handgun license to possess firearm on school grounds under control of the district or system.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1594-A would make it a Class C felony to intentionally possess a loaded or unloaded firearm or any other instrument used as a dangerous weapon in a public building including a building on school grounds. This provision does not apply to: (1) law enforcement when acting within scope of employment; (2) A person summoned by a law enforcement officer to assist in making an arrest or preserving the peace; (3) A member of the military when engaged in the performance of duty; (4) A person authorized by the person in control of the public building to possess a firearm; (5) An employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the course of taking wildlife; (6) Possession of a firearm on school property if the firearm is possessed by a person who has the right to possess a firearm and the firearm is unloaded and locked in a motor vehicle; or (7) A person licensed to carry a concealed weapon.