

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies and expands requirements for concealed handgun licenses.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of amendment in clarifying exclusions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies and expands requirements for concealed handgun licenses.

BACKGROUND: ORS 166.291 lists requirements relating to the issuance of concealed handgun licenses (CHL). These requirements include, but are not limited to: (1) a US citizen; (2) at least 21 years old; (2) has completed certain gun safety courses; (3) has never been convicted of a felony; and (4) has not been convicted of a misdemeanor within the prior 4 years.

HB 2334 adds three prohibitions to this list: (1) not required to register as a sex offender in any state; (2) has not received a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States; and (3) has not been convicted of an offense involving controlled substances or participated in a drug diversion program. This third provision includes the violation (neither a crime nor a misdemeanor) of possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. The bill requires that a person have *two* violations of possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

HB 2334 also defines county residence for purposes of applying for concealed weapons permits (which is handled by the county sheriff). In addition, the bill amends ORS 166.295 to allow active members of the Armed Forces, the National Guard of the United States or the Oregon National Guard to renew CHL applications by mail.