

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** Beyer, Kruse, Walker, Burdick

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Prozanski

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/16

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Similar effort last session stalled
- Consensus nature of bill

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 166.291 lists requirements relating to the issuance of concealed handgun licenses (CHLs). These requirements include, but are not limited to: (1) a US citizen; (2) at least 21 years old; (3) completed certain gun safety courses; (4) no felony convictions; and (5) no misdemeanor convictions within the prior four years.

HB 2334 A adds three prohibitions to this list: (1) not required to register as a sex offender in any state; (2) not received a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States; and (3) 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 with the following caveat. To disqualify a person from CHL eligibility, the person needs to have either: (1) *two* violations of possession of less than an ounce of marijuana; or (2) a violation for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana *and* completion of a marijuana diversion program. A single conviction for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana on its own, or completing a marijuana diversion program and no other conviction would not disqualify a person from CHL eligibility.

HB 2334 A 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.

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