

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/24, 3/12, 4/14, 4/23, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows person with a concealed handgun permit (CHL) issued by another state to carry the weapon in Oregon. Applies to persons with CHL's from states that grant reciprocal rights to Oregonians and that have standards for issuing permits that are equal to Oregon's.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon standards for issuing CHL's
- Reciprocity
- Standards in other states
- Oregon State Police authority to establish rules for reciprocity
- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Narrows measure's applicability to persons with CHL issued by another state that grants reciprocal CHL rights to Oregonians and has standards for issuing permits that are equal to Oregon's.

BACKGROUND: All applications for CHL's are initiated through the county sheriff's office in the applicant's county of residence. CHL applicant fingerprint cards are processed and established in the Computerized Criminal History records of Oregon's Criminal Offender Information system to assist the counties in their background investigation process. In conducting checks, the sherriff's database access includes the state of Oregon's mental heath database, that compiles information on persons who have been committed by a court and are therefore not eligible to have a license.

The sherriff's office does not query the National Instant Check System (NICS) created by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1993 as part of the Brady Act. For this reason, a person with a CHL and carries permit is not exempt from the federal background check when he or she buys a firearm from a licensed dealer.

Currently Oregon does not recognize other states' CHL's. Carrying a concealed weapon in Oregon is considered a Class A misdemeanor as unlawful possession of a firearm.