

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/23, 4/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies definition of “readily accessible” for purposes of unlawful possession of a firearm. Clarifies that a person may transport a firearm in a vehicle that does not have a trunk, so long as firearm is in a locked box. Provides that it is an affirmative defense to a charge of violating ORS 166.250 (1)(c)(C) if person has been granted relief from prohibition on owning a firearm under ORS 166.274.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Defines “readily accessible” as any place within passenger compartment of a vehicle. Provides that it is an affirmative defense to a charge of violating ORS 166.250 (1)(c)(C) if person has been granted relief from prohibition on owning a firearm under ORS 166.274. Clarifies that a person may transport a firearm in a vehicle that does not have a trunk, so long as firearm is in a locked box.

**BACKGROUND:** HB 603A defines the commonly litigated issue of what “readily accessible” means as it is not currently defined within statute. The measure also clarifies under what circumstances a person may transport a firearm in a vehicle without a trunk.