

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Be Printed B-Engrossed.)

Vote: 3 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Prozanski

Nays: Kruse, Whitsett

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/28, 5/3, 5/4, 5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows persons to possess firearms while operating motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles so long as firearms in locked container or equipped with trigger inhibitor. Permits persons operating snowmobiles to carry unloaded firearm, bow, and concealed handgun. Prohibits disclosure of information regarding applicants for and holders of concealed handgun licenses under public records law unless specifically excepted. Prohibits reinstatement of gun rights for those convicted of person-felonies involving a firearm or deadly weapon, for those convicted of crimes requiring imposition of minimum mandatory sentence, and for three years after the end of jurisdiction for other convicted felons. Creates Class C felony for intentional possession of firearm or other instrument used as deadly weapon on school grounds. Applies all current statutory exemptions (for law enforcement, military duty, or other authorized persons) except for concealed handgun licensees. Creates two offense-specific exceptions to permit possessing or carrying concealed in motor vehicle. Makes provisions regarding felons' reinstatement of gun rights and provisions creating new crime, retroactive. Requires one report by December 31, 2011, from the Oregon State Police on Oregon's compliance with PL 110-180. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Motorcycles and other off-road vehicles omitted from current definitions of motor vehicles
- Whether law-abiding persons should be allowed to carry concealed weapons in schools
- Whether certain serious felons should be permitted to seek reinstatement of gun rights
- Practice of combining provisions in one bill to improve chance of progress, rather than move nothing separately

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Prohibits disclosure of information regarding applicants for and holders of concealed handgun licenses under public records law unless specifically excepted. Prohibits reinstatement of gun rights for those convicted of person-felonies involving a firearm or deadly weapon, for those convicted of crimes requiring imposition of minimum mandatory sentence, and for three years after the end of jurisdiction for other convicted felons. Creates Class C felony for intentional possession of firearm or other instrument used as deadly weapon on school grounds. Applies all current statutory exemptions (for law enforcement, military duty, or other authorized persons) except for concealed handgun licensees. Creates two offense-specific exceptions to permit possessing or carrying concealed in motor vehicle. Makes provisions regarding felons' reinstatement of gun rights and provisions creating new crime, retroactive. Requires one report by December 31, 2011, from the Oregon State Police on Oregon's compliance with PL 110-180. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2797 B addresses four unrelated topic areas, that each involve firearms. It keeps information about concealed handgun licensees and applicants confidential; prohibits weapons on school grounds; clarifies permissible possession of weapons on motorcycles and off-road vehicles; and denies or modifies the ability of persons convicted of serious crimes to have their gun rights restored.

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