

Please include this document as testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Senate Bill 699.

I am opposed to Senate Bill 699 for the following reasons.

1. Section 1 Para (4), the addition of the wording “or any other building owned or occupied by a public body as defined in ORS 174.109 and the grounds adjacent to such building” could include a public restroom facility in a remote public campground. It could also mean the public parking lot of a strip mall where the DMV has an office. Or the local water district, park district, or when dropping off your kids at the street curb next to the city swimming pool. How is a person who intentionally (and lawfully) possesses a loaded or unloaded firearm (Section 2 Para [1]) supposed to know where all the public buildings (under the revised definition) are, not to mention their “adjacent grounds”? This wording is entirely too vague.
2. Per Section 2 Para (1) of this bill, how would a person be able to turn in an unloaded & unwanted (or other) firearm to the police department when he couldn’t even take it onto the grounds of the police department? Law Enforcement cannot authorize a person to violate the law so permitting a person to bring it into the station would put that person in violation.
3. A person who is lawfully licensed to carry a concealed firearm, including honorably retired police officers, should be allowed to carry at all times, in all places with the exception of a loaded firearm in a courthouse. The act of obtaining the right to carry concealed should speak to that person’s intent to act responsibly.
4. A criminal, or a person intent on committing a gun crime in violation of this law will ignore it. Criminals are criminals because they do not obey the laws.
5. This is a law looking for a reason to exist. It is a fact that anti-gun legislators are bringing forth all manner of anti-gun bills intended for only one purpose, to restrict Oregon citizens from exercising their right to bear arms as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights to the Oregon Constitution, as well as our 2nd Amendment Right to keep and bear arms guaranteed by our U.S. Constitution Bill of Rights. The ultimate goal being the elimination of said rights.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express my objections to SB 699.

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