

1 My name is Maurice K. Sanders. I am a resident of Dunes City which is located on the coast in western  
2 Lane County. I am an honorably retired law enforcement officer with 28 years of service. Additionally I  
3 served honorably in the United States Army in the Military Police. I retired over a year ago as the Chief  
4 of Police for the City of Florence, Oregon. I am also an elected city councilor for the City of Dunes City  
5 however my comments today are not those of the Dunes City Council or the citizens of City of Dunes  
6 City. I am providing my own thoughts, beliefs, and opinions only. I am authorized to carry a concealable  
7 firearm upon my person pursuant to the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act which is  
8 commonly referred to as "HR 218". I am not licensed or permitted to carry a concealed firearm pursuant  
9 to Oregon law.

10 I am supportive of this bill with the proposed amendments. I was initially neutral on this bill when it was  
11 introduced as I have no interest in carrying a firearm, concealed or otherwise, into the capitol. The  
12 legislature could maintain the initial ban of firearms and provide handgun lockers so persons could  
13 secure their firearm, conduct their business in the capitol building, then as they leave they could retrieve  
14 their firearms, just like is done with law enforcement officers entering jails.

15 However setting that neutrality aside at that when the Proposed Amendment to Senate bill 699 (SB 699  
16 – 1) came out, I was happy to see that persons who carry concealed firearms who are not licensed under  
17 ORS 166.291 and 166.292, but authorized to do so under the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety  
18 Act which is commonly referred to as "HR 218", is now recognized and will constitute an affirmative  
19 defense for violation of ORS 166.370 (1), (2)(a)(A) and (B).

20 When the Proposed Amendment to Senate Bill 699 (SB 699 – 3) came out, I saw that the proposed law  
21 now says that people with a CHL could have their handgun with them provided the firearm is completely  
22 concealed from view. This bill does make it illegal for any person from bringing a rifle or shotgun into the  
23 capitol except for the obvious exceptions for law enforcement, which in my opinion is appropriate.

24 Respectfully submitted,

25 Maurice K. Sanders