



**Oregon Council of Police Associations
Representing Public Safety in Oregon**

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To: Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: House Bill 2357 A

The Oregon Council of Police Associations appreciates the opportunity to support HB2357-A. Currently, specified populations are exempt from the prohibitions regarding carrying concealed weapons in public buildings. Those exemptions currently include on-duty police officers, but not off-duty officers or honorably retired officers.

HB2357-A, will clarify that off-duty and honorably retired officers are afforded the same rights to carry concealed weapons in public buildings that individuals with valid concealed handgun licenses (CHL) are granted.

Because of their high level of training and experience, police officers should be allowed the same privileges as CHL holders and the other exempt populations that currently exist in statute. This change will reduce confusion and the sometimes inconsistent enforcement of the current law.

Thank you for your consideration, we respectfully request your support of HB2357-A.