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SENATOR GINNY BURDICK



STATES UNITED  
TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

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**Ceasefire Oregon and States United to Prevent Gun Violence urge a  
“no” vote on HB 3093B.**

HB 3093B, which grants concealed carry reciprocity to out-of-state holders of concealed handgun licenses (CHLs), **places a great deal of risk on Oregonians and Oregon law enforcement officers simply to extend a courtesy to a few.**

- Oregon’s current CHL training requirements are so lax that an applicant need not even touch a gun to obtain an Oregon CHL. **Why extend this low standard to out-of-state gun owners?**
- **Concealed handgun licenses are not like drivers’ licenses.** Drivers’ licenses ensure a uniform standard of knowledge across the country. However, CHL training requirements can differ widely from state to state.
- **Reciprocity would pose serious challenges to law enforcement.** In addition to confronting travelers packing heat with little or no training or knowledge of relevant Oregon firearms laws, law enforcement would be further challenged by the difficulty of verifying that individuals bearing out-of-state CHLs are legally allowed to carry a gun in public.
- As stated in *McDonald*: “It is important to keep in mind that *Heller*, while striking down a law that prohibited the possession of handguns in the home, recognized that the right to keep and bear arms is not ‘a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose.’” **Not granting reciprocity is well within the scope the the Second Amendment.**

**Oregonians do not benefit if more hidden, loaded guns are allowed in our state.** The bill’s sole “benefit,” conferred upon those who want to avoid paperwork and a few dollars in CHL fees, is far outweighed by the risk of having poorly trained CHL holders from other states carrying loaded, concealed guns on our streets, in our parks and even into our Capitol building.

**Please vote “no” on HB 3093B.**

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