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Following is my statement against SB 971-1 amendment.

If I dial 911 and there's no emergency, there's hell to pay. But, if the legislature does it, it's simply how they do business, and there's no penalty at all.

The whole amendment suite is a gratuitous insult to basic rights, but one in particular hits me as fraudulent and unnecessary. I've been flying in and out of PDX every two weeks since 2006, and I have yet to witness any instance of a CHL holder causing any degree of mayhem. CHL holders are arguably the most thoroughly investigated people in Oregon, and safest to be around.

So, I must conclude that this section, and the remainder of the 44-page amendment, is a fraudulent way to disarm normal people, and the inclusion of the emergency clause is a fraud and only designed to screw us out of a possible referendum to counteract this evil monster.

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The history of our tax code, in economic terms, mirrors the course of most addictions: advancing dependence, diminished returns, and deteriorating health of the afflicted.

— The New York Times, in a 1909 editorial opposing the very first income tax