

I oppose this bill because it does not give a consistent law for concealed carry holders to follow. While ignorance of the law is no excuse, making a law so difficult to follow is only going to make people unwitting felons if they are not diligent in researching what the rule is for a specific public building. I understand the goal of gun control, you don't want criminals owning and carrying guns because people can be harmed. I do not understand how this bill will advance that goal because the only people who will be punished are those who are mistakenly carrying into a building where they were previously allowed to carry a weapon.

I would much prefer a bill which requires that in order to buy a gun in Oregon, you have to carry an ID card which proves that you are a citizen of the United States. Currently the purchase form asks if one is a citizen and the seller relies on the honesty of the person applying as I do not believe that the background check by the State Police has the ability to verify the claim of citizenship. In the case of the young Syrian, Aliwi Alissa, who bought a rifle and days later murdered 10 people in Colorado, would not have been able to buy his gun if he'd had to prove his citizenship. Let's pass laws that save lives instead of laws that will discourage anyone from exercising their God given right to defend themselves.