

As a long time independent, but mostly democratic and liberal voter I've never felt a great need to send a comment in to a bill in committee before. This bill, however, has finally pushed far enough to make my voice heard. A common set of state wide laws, as related to guns, is fundamental to allow gun owners to continue to responsibly exercise the rights guaranteed in the US Constitution. While I live in Multnomah County, I also live in Portland, which means two sets of rules around the carry of firearms I'd have to know just to leave my house. In addition, I travel to Sherwood to practice marksmanship which is critical to firearms ownership. A quick glance at the map shows at least three other municipalities and two counties of laws to learn. If I go camping, during which I always bring a firearm, there are any number of small towns where simply stopping for gas could suddenly make me a felon.

This is made even worse by amendment #21 which removes state preemption entirely.

The vast majority of firearms owners in this state are responsible and do their best to comply with the laws that are passed by the state legislatures, no matter how much they disagree with them. This law would make knowing the laws, much less complying with them at any given moment, nearly impossible.