

I Steven Boyce,
citizen of Oregon absolutely oppose this bill.

Let me start by reading you our Oregon Constitution.

Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]"

This attack on citizens who wish to defend themselves will only create more victims by passing this legislation we would not have the right to defend ourselves in a public space which violates our constitution. I like many Oregonians do not have the ability to pay for private security, I am my own security. I have been a concealed handgun licensee for 10 years since the age of 21, every year you try to vilify CHL holders after we've submitted to your taxation of our right to carry a firearm. I have committed no crimes, yet you put me through a background check, you take my fingerprints, and I pay your taxes because I want to defend my fellow citizens and myself.

While you vilify us you also make it extremely difficult for police officers to do their jobs, you've politicized them and lost a majority of the remaining good police officers, making it less safe to be in public. There is record crime happening in this state.

Criminals do not care about what happens in this legislature, they are not thinking about the laws you put in place. The only people that think about these laws are the citizens who choose to follow the law. This only impacts people who follow the law, it will not deter crime, and it will not make it any more safe to be in public areas.

I can't stress highly enough how ineffective and dangerous this would make Oregon. As a gun owner I am not afraid that criminals have guns and other weapons that are just as deadly, they are out there, I cannot change that and neither can you. In the event a criminal decides to attempt murder in the presence of a concealed handgun license holder you have a much better chance of stopping the criminal in the act. If you make these citizens who follow the law disarms themselves before entering your buildings you will see assaults' and murder increase because criminals don't follow the law, criminals will know their victim is completely defenseless and cannot fend for themselves.

I beg all of you to throw this bill in the trash and focus on empowering citizens to defend themselves and not disarming people who only wish to live another day.

Sincerely
Steven Boyce