

Dear Committee,

I am a veteran and find myself more of a target from that alone in Portland and Salem so I keep to myself to keep other around me safe and my family safe. Adding more laws for law abiding citizens has no proof of being affective against gun crime. Criminals don't follow the law, if it's buying a weapon illegally or carrying it illegally no law will stop that from happening and when it does guess who becomes the target? Everyone. Because that criminal knows there isn't anyone in that whole building carry a weapon to stop them. Provide the people proof of when a law abiding conceal carry permit holding individual incited any unlawful use of their weapon inside a "public building?" Provide proof of this actually combatting any current battle of it being an issue. Restricting arguably the highest trained person, hardest to obtain, least available liscence a person can possibly get, is irresponsible to those who have the right and meet the requirments to do so, safely. Limiting the number of places a permit holder are painting targets of where crime can be rampant and the general public is less protected.

As a state there are massive amounts of business's leaving due to not being tough on crime. Portland burned for over 150 days last year. And nobody wanted to help the public and you force the public to do so themselves. When thousands of acres of land was buring communities had to guard there own and question suspicious folks. Eveyone who opposes this bill is a minority because of 2 cities in Oregon out weighing their voices. And these 2 cities are trying to mock laws passed by California and New York and Illinois that have some of the strictest gun laws and highest rates of gun crime STILL. What other proof do you need that more laws don't solve gun related issues?

So how do you combat gun issues in Oregon? Make Oregon known for the safest and most responsible gun owners in the USA, not adding laws to restrict law abiding citizens who choose to be responsible when carrying and volunteer to protect themselves and the general public from the threat of violence.

Watch gun violence sky rocket if this bill passes in 2 cities, Portland and Salem. Make it safer for a criminal to commit gun violence. Our state already has a massive shortage or police officers. And an even more extreme issue wiht recruiting anyone that wants to be a police officer, let alone being qulaified, in this state. This state has already shown the inability to protect it's citizens, gun sales have never been higher, so the answer is restricting the public protecting themselves in a state that is soft on crime? The states current path is the same road CA and NY has gone and it isn't good. Those states don't have track records worth following. If the state doesn't ensure the safty of it's citizens and demonstrate the complete opposite you are causing the public to exercise their right to bare arms. Permit requests are at an all time high!

When you carry a weapon you hope to never have to use it, but the consequences of not being able to is much worse.

If you want to combat gun violence, make our cities safer. Support our police and training the permit holders to be even more proficient. That's what combats violence that is how it's prevented. This bill is pointless and doesn't combat any issues with legal permit holders and opens the doors for crime. There is no data to support these restrictions being effective. From 1950-2019 94% of all mass shootings occured in gun-free zones. Google it, see for yourself that most gun crime occurs in gun-free zones where there isn't a threat of a spree being cut short.

Is that not enough proof to show that this law being presenting isn't affective?