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I cannot see how this bill will keep anyone safe. I am a law abiding citizen and have a concealed carry permit I legally acquired through training and paying permit fees. Me and countless other Oregonians who legally carry would potentially be made criminals by this law that would create a haphazard patchwork of where it is legal or illegal to carry.

Concealed carry holders have historically shown to be some of the most law abiding citizens and many of us carry not just for our own safety but so that we have the ability to in a time of crisis protect others as well. A decade ago there was a tragedy at the Clackamas town center mall where two people were killed and another injured. The perpetrator of this crime was carrying a stolen weapon. His spree was put to an end quite quickly when he hid behind cover and committed suicide, it is believed he took this action when he saw a legal concealed carry holder standing ready to oppose him and fire in his direction. There are countless other times when tragedy's have been mitigated or even prevented by concealed carry holders, in some cases without even a single shot being fired. Had this law been in effect then there is no telling what the consequences would've been, had this been one of the designated zones where carrying was illegal and the brave citizen who stood up to the perpetrator found himself unarmed and defenseless because he obeyed the law. I stand opposed to this misled legislation.