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No On HB 2007

The Bill's language would allow local governments to prohibit firearms not only on their property but also "adjacent grounds." This dangerously vague language could give local governments complete control over private property and infringe our Constitutional rights.

The language of the Bill is vague and confusing. A law abiding citizen with a CHL could wander into an adjacent "off-limit", gun free zone without knowing it and become a criminal. CHL holders are the most law abiding citizens as studies have shown. So this is absurd. Criminals by definition don't obey the law and will of course, ignore it.

Some believe that Gun Free Zones will make us safer. In fact, the opposite is true. We will not be safer. It is a well known fact that, GUN FREE ZONES invite criminals and those meaning to cause mayhem with firearms (or any weapon for that matter). The perpetrator is pretty much reassured that there will be no deterrence. Criminals have said they try to avoid areas where they may be confronted with a person with a firearm.

This Bill diminishes a law abiding CHL holder's ability to protect oneself, while the thugs in Portland are allowed to endanger people, destroy property and create mayhem during their "peaceful" protests.

Rather than going after lawful gun owners perhaps you need to examine the policies of the state that make it easier for true criminals to commit crimes. Soft on crime, defunded and depleted police forces, early release of prisoners and no cash bail come to mind as some issues that need to be addressed. You may find that this would make a difference in our crime.

There is no reason for this Bill to even exist other than to intimidate, discourage and punish law abiding citizens by denying them their Second Amendment right to self protection.

Vote No.
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