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COME ON! Where's the data to demonstrate the danger of CHL holders in Oregon?

The CHL system was created to provide reasonable assurance that those who choose to legally concealed carry do so in good faith. In EVERY instance since the early 1980s where states have implemented a CHL system -or- have adopted so-called 'constitutional carry' the crime statistics are not added to by those who lawfully carry concealed with a CHL. That is true across the board. Since that time HALF of US states have rejected conventional CHL systems and adopted looser so-called 'constitutional carry' as the law of the land. The nation at-large recognizes there is vanishingly small danger from those who hold CHLs.

Is Oregon different? Where are the statistics showing the harm this bill would seek to remedy? There are none.

What this would do is make criminals out of good people who actually enhance safety and respect in EVERY community just by their willingness to defend themselves and others. It creates an impossible-to-navigate geographic patchwork of no-go zones all over the state. Preemption statute was to prevent this from happening. Now it seems to be enabling it.

And then there's the gut-and-stuff tactic. It seems that if there's enough opposition to the contents of this bill it can be substantially changed to address another topic as long as that issue falls under the relating clause. It's a great way to bait-and-switch the public: first present an obviously bad bill. Then hold a "hearing". Then remove the unpopular language and replace it with an equally bad (or worse) bill (still related to guns) and push it forward. BUT: the second bill gets hurried along because the session clock is ticking. This tactic is deceitful.

There's no data to support the bill as written.  
Don't abuse the gut-and-stuff provision.  
Kill the bill in committee.

Thank you for your attention.

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