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On Behalf Of:  
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Hello, my name is Paul Goodell. I'm a resident of Curry County, a father of three, a medical professional serving my community and opponent of HB2007.

Conceal carry license holders are statistically more law abiding than police officers and the majority (85%) of mass public shootings take place in locations where conceal carry is prohibited. If HB2007 is passed into law, the single mother with an Oregon Concealed Handgun License and a restraining order against her stalker ex-boyfriend could then be criminalized for picking up her child from school. It will also provide the next mass shooter a safe place to rack up a high body count. The real-life horror stories like Uvalde, Newtown and Virginia Tech were clear examples of the "cattle pen scenarios" that these deranged individuals seek out. I have yet to hear a coherent argument that supports how targeting some of the most statistically peaceful, law-abiding residents in the state will make these public places safer from the deranged individuals I mentioned above.

Courthouses and Federal Buildings already prohibit the conceal carrying of handguns under our current laws (and for good reason), but courthouses and Federal buildings have something most of our public schools don't, armed peace officers at the entrances and in rooms where groups of people gather. If we are going to allow localities to employ the same gun free zone policies at our schools, public buildings and adjacent grounds that we have at our courthouses then we should also be requiring them to provide the same level of armed protection for the people within those locations.

I ask that you vote NO. .  
Paul Goodell