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As an Active Duty member of our Nation's military and soon to be member of the Oregon Nation Guard, this bill outlaws conduct necessary to pursue proficiency in my duties to defend our greatest power projection assets. Provided professional training is wholly inadequate to prepare a service member to engage in a lethal fight with billions of dollars of assets and the safeguarding of weaponry capable of unthinkable devastation at stake.

As a holder of the federal conceal carry credential, known as a LEOSA, I know that law enforcement should not be entitled to special privileges regarding what may or may not be possessed. The very concept that law enforcement is inherently more competent and safe with firearms and accessories when compared to the public is disproven time and time again. Law enforcement officers do not tend to practice the necessary routines to build firearms proficiency above that of any given citizen whom exercises their rights. The misplaced special trust in police officers regarding their civilian conduct is an absolute sham.

The Oregon State Constitution even prohibits laws which grant special privileges to classes of people in contexts such as that addressed by this bill. I am deeply disturbed by the apparent back room dealings being had by the legislators of my home state.

Military members are also subject to undue and unique hardship in relation to firearms laws, especially when dealing with a Permanent Change of Station. Legislative phrasing such as that in Washington has created countless instances of confusion in how to abide by the law for service members entering the state. This aspect is relevant due to the increased onboarding of Active Duty personnel supporting the fighter jet mission in Klamath Falls.

To spit in the face of our inalienable rights is insult enough. To corruptly play games with the state level courts in order to preserve this desecration is disgraceful. And to then pass the bill in modified form and in an immediate manner is unspeakable. I am ashamed of the way this state's legislatures are behaving.