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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS* OF OREGON

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The League of Women Voters of Oregon asks you to vote "no" on HB 3093B.

What would passage of HB 3093B (concealed carry reciprocity) mean for Oregon?

 It would increase the number of people who are carrying hidden, loaded handguns in our communities.

HB 3093B would allow holders of concealed handgun licenses (CHL) in other states to conceal carry in Oregon, as long as those states' CHL laws are as stringent as Oregon's. Yet Oregon's CHL laws are so lax that an applicant can pass the competency test without ever touching a gun. Unfortunately, a CHL in today's world does not represent a high level of competency or a guarantee of lawful behavior.

 It would make Oregon another win in the gun lobby's campaign to weaken concealed carry laws across the country.

Over the past three decades, state concealed carry laws have changed dramatically, due to a determined gun lobby whose goal is a federal concealed carry reciprocity law. After making such strides in gun safety this session, do we really want Oregon to take a step backward?

The League believes that HB 3093B would be difficult to enforce, would not serve the public interest, and would not keep Oregonians safer. We support efforts to strengthen Oregon's CHL laws, not weaken them.

Please vote "no" on HB 3093B.