

Thank you for your commitment to Oregonians. I stand in firm opposition to this bill as it in no way accomplishes the task you are needing to undertake - solving the mental health and socioeconomic crisis which is feeding violence and crime in America. This bill is punitive toward law abiding citizens and will not reduce gun crime.

Consideration needs to be made for consequences of this bill. Not the least of which is the prohibition of people attaining a CHL due to increased cost (a process that currently verifies citizens responsibility toward firearm ownership) and creating environments where people who are at a disadvantage cannot have the means necessary for self protection.

Lastly, it is pertinent to point out that CHL holders are not bullies as implied by previous testimony, they are the opposite. Quietly committing to the safety of themselves and those around them in situations where law enforcement is unavailable and there is immediate risk to life.

I urge you to vote against this bill.