

This bill, if allowed to progress through the legislative process, serves to curtail rights bestowed by the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution and circumvents the 2011 Appellate Court decision in Oregon Firearms Education Foundation v. Board of Higher Education (A142974), as well as exacting economic punishment on law-abiding citizens exercising their right to the process of applying for and renewing a Concealed Handgun License.

In its attempt to conflict with the Appellate Court's ruling the proponents of this bill use the fractured reasoning that by enacting a new law, law breakers will somehow be suddenly be motivated to obey the law and that this newfound desire to become law-abiding will reduce violence within the described buildings and property. Of course this theory is predicated on the assumption that local governing bodies will adopt such ordinances. Enacting more laws will not reduce gun crime. What will reduce gun crime is education and effective enforcement of the relevant federal and state laws already on the books.

As to the issue of raising CHL fees, this bill serves as nothing more than a punishment to individuals their legal rights. Punishment is the only word which effectively describes a 100% fee increase to \$100.00 for a new application and a 50% increase to \$75.00 for a renewal application. The purpose of legislation is to address public concerns and safety. This proposed increase in statutory fees fails in that regard.

Do not allow this bill to progress.