

I'm a vegan multi-racial father of three living in Portland and I strongly oppose this bill. I've read the existing statutory framework currently in place with respect to sections exempting CHL holders from city and county ordinances, as well as the current requirements for issuing such licenses and I cannot believe the benefit this bill is proposing to give to the community is sincere or true. I believe that this bill is unlawful and unAmerican. I believe the true intention of this bill is to further restrain an already restrictive framework and inappropriately criminalize law abiding citizens. The lawmakers of this state already know the amount of verification and background checking that occurs to even own a gun or hold and retain a CHL license. I believe that no such law abiding citizen who carries the great responsibility of firearm ownership and holding a CHL license would ever seek to compromise such rights for the purpose of endangering anyone and that given the current economic and health climate we cannot give energy and time to adversely affect our current gun rights. We have a duty as citizens to ensure that we protect the rights the Constitution provides and cannot cut it into pieces for the sake of trying to sell unsubstantiated delusions about what this bill will accomplish. Respectfully, please do not move this bill forward, do not further complicate or compromise gun ownership, allow a free society to thrive, and find other ways to ensure safety in our communities such as writing job and education based bills.