

Senator Prozanski and members of the Committee,

I am opposed to this bill in its entirety. In the last approximately 30 years that we have exercised our right to concealed carry, the state has not been able to present evidence/ data to show any need for this legislation. Without evidence, the state cannot show a need that will pass even the lowest level of judicial scrutiny. Given the current attacks on police funding, the need to exercise our right to concealed carry is compelling.

In the last ten years SCOTUS has opined under Heller, MacDonald and Caedaman, our long standing right under Oregon Constitutional Article 1 section 27 and the Oregon statutes are protected. Further more I state that this legislation violates Article 1 section 20 as it will deny to citizens of Multnomah County, rights that I will continue to enjoy in Polk County.

As of November 2020 there were 281,147 CHLs in Oregon, with more waiting for appointments with their Sheriffs. We are all over 21 and we vote. Do you really want to alienate nearly 300,000 voters in light of the fact that you have no evidence that this legislation is needed? Quite frankly Senator Prozanski I am insulted that you would support this legislation.