

I'm going to assume we are working from a basis laws should be sensible and effective.

What is the rationale for disarming concealed handgun license holders as described in this bill? Let's consider the possible motives. I don't think there's very many. What sounds like the most plausible motive to you?

Would it be to address some meaningful number of CHL holders committing illegal shootings or perhaps to avoid upcoming instances of that in Oregon? It doesn't seem so, I don't think that has happened really and I don't recognize any reason to believe that is coming.

Perhaps it's to address a history of accidental discharges where folks have been killed or injured by CHL holders in Oregon? I can't find any news reports of that in Google so I doubt that's much of an issue.

Maybe it's because CHL holders have been exposing their guns and just the sight of a gun scares some folks. Again, I can't really find news reports on that and folks don't seem to be frightened much when they see guns on police, so I don't think that could be a big enough problem to require a state wide law impacting literally tens of thousands of law abiding CHL holders.

So lets recap:

Past or upcoming illegal shootings by CHL holders, no.

Accidental discharges? Doesn't seem like it.

CHL holders flashing their guns? Again, doesn't seem like it.

At this point I've kind of run out of ideas along the lines of deaths, injuries or causation of emotional fear in some folks.

What could it be then? I think the most plausible reason for why this bill has been submitted and why we're having this meeting is purely political, with no legitimate justification in terms of bettering the lives of citizens.

Mass shootings are sensational and get a lot of media coverage for free. I suggest one party has decided to take advantage of that fact and exploit it as an issue for votes. Depending on predominantly emotionally driven trusting constituents who believe when they are told we have an "epidemic" of gun murders in the USA, when in fact the number of gun murders yearly is around three thousandths of one percent of the population. That's not what epidemic means. In the overall scheme of things it's a trivial issue.

I resent political office holders attempting to trade my natural rights for votes for themselves, by manipulating trusting, emotional, well meaning folks. That is a betrayal of the public trust, blatantly unethical as well as a despicable exploitation of their constituents.

Again, that's 0.003%, or three one thousandths of one percent.