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Because local communities know what is best for them, HB 2007 gives locally-elected governments the ability to adopt rules restricting firearms and concealed carry in their facilities and adjacent grounds if they desire. This would have no effect on firearms carriage outside of public buildings and their adjacent grounds. This bill gives local control to local governments, and does not mandate or force action from Salem.

Under current law, people with concealed carry licensed are allowed to carry firearms in public buildings where guns are otherwise prohibited. HB 2007 would give local governments the authority to make the public safety decision to prohibit all guns on municipal property only if they so choose to do so.

Here in Portland, I would feel much safer providing testimony to City Council if I knew that no one in City Hall was carrying a gun that they might want to use against those who do not share their views. The beauty of HB 2007 is that each local government gets to decide for themselves what to do.

Please support HB 2007 to make all of us safer. Thank you.