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According to the Oregon Department of Justice, concealed handgun licensees in Oregon have an arrest rate of .00008. For comparison, that demographic is more law-abiding than teachers, attorneys, and elected officials.

Also according to the Oregon Department of Justice, over 57% of released felons commit new felony crimes within 5 years of their release. I know that some people can be confused by the number of digits, but .00008 is actually a much smaller number than 57%. We can make public spaces safer by limiting access to felons, not our most law-abiding citizens.

If you've ever wondered about the intractable cultural divide in this country around guns, proposed legislation like this is exactly the reason; the basic premise is completely nonsensical if real world numbers compiled by the lead agency for crime statistics in this state are given even a cursory review. Wasting time going after concealed carry licensees instead of felons is like a drunk looking for his car keys under a street light, not because he lost them there but because that's where the light is. It begs the question: is this about safety, or control?