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I OPPOSE this bill and strongly urge its sponsors to at least define "adjacent grounds." Even if defined, I oppose this bill because it is an illogical and nonsensical expansion of gun-free zones. Gun free zones do not deter criminal activity with guns because criminals don't follow existing laws. Law abiding citizens carry guns to protect themselves, and others, from criminals, as allowed by the 2nd Amendment and those portions of Oregon law and local ordinances that align with the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The arbitrary expansion of gun-free zones makes it extremely difficult and legally dangerous for law abiding citizens to legally carry guns, which makes them and the public less safe from criminals.

Why don't you focus on the problem with illegal gun violence - the criminals? This would reap benefits, whereas making law abiding citizens criminals by setting up ordinances and laws that criminalize sensible and responsible carry, guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment, in so many places that legal concealed (or open) carry is like walking around in a mine field, negates the benefit of legal and responsible carry?

This is yet another incremental attempt to undermine the 2nd Amendment. It is purposefully vague, and if not intentional, shows the ignorance of the bill's sponsors and supporters. It does not follow any evidence that suggest it would thwart illegal gun activity, because there is no evidence to that effect. In a country and state wherein criminals with guns and evil intent exist, taking guns away from, or preventing carry by, law abiding and capable citizens raises the danger to society (and the government in government buildings and "adjacent grounds")