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This bill seeks to create a large additional patchwork of "sensitive places", where a CHL would not apply. I'm not sure this comports with the recent Bruen decision.

First of all, this bill does not solve a problem that actually exists. I'm not aware of any crime wave of CHL holders occurring in "adjacent grounds" of otherwise public buildings. You can point to no such crime wave.

I also don't trust the phrase "adjacent grounds". That needs to be defined more clearly. Can I drive past such a building with a concealed firearm, or turn into a parking lot to take a phone call? How would I defend myself were I to be charged with such a violation? The law doesn't seem to take into account criminal intent.

Applying this law to CHL holders does nothing to prevent a criminal from bringing a firearm into these "sensitive places" and committing heinous crimes. I feel the need to remind you that crime is already illegal. Criminals are not impressed with laws.

I get it. You want to be seen as "doing something". Hassling law abiding citizens is much more palatable to you than actually incarcerating criminals. The recent spike in the crime rate of Oregon is not the result of CHL holders dropping someone off at Portland International Airport without even getting out of their car. "Do Something" else, and oppose this bill.