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Concealed carry is legal in Oregon because people have a right to defend themselves when out in public, but many are sensitive to open carry because they feel threatened, so people carry concealed and no one is upset. However, if concealed carry is then made illegal in some places and not others, this means that a person carrying concealed will be violating the law unless they mark every location where concealed carry is on a map on their phone. This bill is unconstitutional and will turn law abiding citizens into unwitting felons. In addition, if there is a concern about public safety, it should be mentioned that not once has a person with a concealed carry permit used a gun to commit a crime. I feel that this bill is yet another example of a phobia, hoplophobia,

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n. Irrational, morbid fear of guns (coined by Col. Jeff Cooper, from the Greek "hoplites," weapon). May cause sweating, faintness, discomfort, rapid pulse, nausea, sleeplessness, more, at mere thought of guns. Hoplophobes are common and should never be involved in setting gun policies. Point out hoplophobic behavior when noticed, it is dangerous, sufferers deserve pity, and should seek treatment. When confronted, hoplophobes typically go into denial, a common characteristic of the affliction. Often helped by training, or by coaching at a range, a process known to psychiatry as "desensitization," often useful in treating many phobias. Also: Hoplophobe, hoplophobic.