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Testimony on HB 2007
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PLEASE NOTE. This testimony was prepared to be presented to the House Judiciary when OFF was invited to be part of a 3 member panel. At the time, the panel was given a total of 40 minutes to address 3 bills. HB 2005, 2006 and 2007.

That meant each organization was granted a total of 4.4 minutes per bill, which was not much given the complexity of the bills.

The day before the hearing, we were informed that we would each be given a total of 4 minutes to address ALL three bills.

Oregon's pre-emption law was created to avoid a patchwork of different rules across the state concerning lawful concealed carry.

HB 2007 is designed to undo that and create a confusing maze of regulations.

HB 2007 creates vast and undefined “off-limits” locations for CHL holders.

Any government entity of any kind can not only declare its property off limits to law-abiding gun owners, but extend that to “adjacent” grounds which could mean anything.

A city hall could declare a nearby grocery store off limits. If the Barlow City Hall declared itself off limits, “adjacent” private homes will be off limits.

A drive through any metropolitan area will make you a criminal countless times over.

It will be a crime for a single mom in high crime Portland to pick up a relative at the Portland airport even if she never steps out of her car.

It’s impossible to imagine how this makes any sense.

The US Supreme Court, in the recent Bruen decision, made it clear that you cannot declare virtually everywhere a “sensitive place” subject to prohibitions on self defense.

This bill allows countless agencies and local governments to declare their property, and even property that is *not* theirs, to be “sensitive.” This is absurd. The DMV office should not be considered a “sensitive place.”

People’s rights to protect themselves and other’s should not disappear at the whim of an unaccountable government bureaucrat.

This bill has been promoted as simply a return of “local control.” But while our schools have been given “local control” to prohibit parents and others from being on school property, they’re forbidden, by the state, from deciding who their district superintendent is, picking their own curriculum or opting out of state mandated political indoctrination.

We can all disagree on who’s responsible for the massive surge in violence in our state.

Representative Grayber believes it’s “right wing extremists.”

I might believe it's dangerous criminals and people who firebomb federal buildings and shine lasers in the eyes of police. But no one can argue that it's chl holders.

This bill does not even make the *pretense* of addressing an actual problem, since even Oregon Democrats know that CHL holders have not been shooting up the local DMV's or the pot shops next door to them.

CHL holders are, in fact, responsible for virtually no firearms related crime.

Attacking people who have done nothing wrong because they are different from you is bigotry.

This bill, if enacted, will also eventually be found unconstitutional and once again Oregon taxpayers will be stuck with the legal bill .

I suggest you turn your attention to people who are dangerous and violent which CHL holders clearly are not.