



CITY OF

PORTLAND, OREGON

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March 22, 2023

House Committee on Judiciary
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2007

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,

The City of Portland urges your support for HB 2007 and the ability it gives public entities to adopt policies that can limit or prohibit firearms in public buildings.

Ensuring the safety of public spaces for Portlanders and city employees is vitally important. HB 2007 is also an issue of local control in that it allows local decision making that reflect the expectations and values of our communities.

Whether testifying before City Council, filing a building permit, swimming at parks facility, or showing up to work, these are public spaces where the ability to exclude firearms is beneficial to our safety. And with gun violence on the rise nationally and here in Portland, HB 2007 gives us a tool we can use to help increase a sense of wellbeing and safety when engaging with the city.

The Oregon Capitol has had the authority to regulate concealed weapons since 2021. Please extend this same authority to other governing bodies. Please vote yes on HB 2007.

Sincerely,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor