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In reading the text of this bill, I am once again dumbfounded by why elected officials continue to try to make law-abiding citizens into criminals. First of all, I would like to educate (or re-educate) the members of this committee on the steps it takes to obtain a concealed carry permit in the state of Oregon:

1. A citizen must complete a conceal-carry course that is accepted/recognized by the state of Oregon.
2. A citizen must demonstrate completion of a firearm proficiency course that is also accepted/recognized by the state of Oregon.
3. Then that citizen must apply for a conceal-carry permit through their local sheriffs office.
4. They must then complete a thorough background check through their local sheriffs office, including fingerprinting.
5. That citizen then must pay for the permit, keep their county of residence updated if they move and pay the renewal fee each time it expires thereafter.

It makes no sense why someone who has gone through this entire process would then be deemed a criminal for carrying a firearm in or near a specific public building. That person who did all of this work to obtain their conceal-carry permit did so with the understanding that they may some day need to exercise their right to defend either themselves, their family, their friends or even innocent bystanders from a criminal who is intent on inflicting harm on others. This bill does nothing to make citizens or locations any safer but instead makes them less safe and more prone to exploitation by those who are intent on inflicting harm on others.