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HB 2007 will not make Oregonians any safer. It will put in place a patchwork of "go" -- - "no go" areas that makes it impossible for trained, lawful, licensed individuals to exercise their right of concealed carry. It also makes it virtually impossible for a CHL holder to carry a firearm without accidentally committing a felony. These "hyper-lawful" individuals are the citizens that have gone to training, maintained clean records, obey the law. We are NOT the threat. No Oregon CHL holder has ever committed a crime with their weapon.

This new bill would have the unintended consequence of turning your average law-abiding citizen into a criminal when they accidentally walk into a park or public space from one city or county to the next. The definition of adjacent spaces is ill defined and problem prone. It is obvious to me that the sponsors of this bill are trying to effectively eliminate the CHL statute in any practical sense by making it so difficult to carry a gun legally that people end up leaving their defensive handguns at home. Oregon has long had the preemption statute for the sake of a consistent body of law that everyone can know and abide by. Allowing local restrictions on the possession of firearms by CHL holders creates confusion and inconsistency in the legal framework. This is nothing but a legal minefield for those who seek to legally exercise their right to carry a handgun for self defense. CHL holders are statistically the least likely of any group of citizens to commit a crime. We should not be passing laws that only cause entrapment for those who are actively seeking to follow the law.

The state's resources and citizens would be better served by enforcing the existing laws and mandate non negotiable jail time for the people committing violent crimes with firearms - especially felons found in possession of firearms !

I strongly oppose this bill