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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB2007

I fully oppose HB 2007. It is not the right choice for the good citizens of the great State of Oregon

These are just a few reasons below HB 2007 is not the right choice for Oregon.

1. Violates Second Amendment rights: House Bill 2007 infringes upon the Second Amendment rights of citizens to bear arms by allowing public entities to adopt policies that prohibit concealed handgun licensees from carrying firearms in public buildings and adjacent grounds.
2. Makes citizens vulnerable to attacks: By prohibiting concealed carry in public buildings and adjacent grounds, House Bill 2007 leaves citizens vulnerable to attacks from criminals who do not follow gun laws. This law will disarm law-abiding citizens who are in public areas where they may need to defend themselves.
3. Disrespects local governments: House Bill 2007 overrides the decisions made by local governing bodies that have opted to allow concealed carry in public buildings and adjacent grounds. This law disrespects the authority of local governments to make decisions that best represent the values of their communities.
4. Creates confusion for concealed handgun licensees: House Bill 2007 creates confusion for concealed handgun licensees who are trying to navigate a patchwork of different policies adopted by public entities. This law makes it difficult for licensees to understand where they can and cannot carry their firearms.
5. Punishes concealed handgun licensees unfairly: House Bill 2007 imposes disproportionate penalties on concealed handgun licensees who violate policies adopted by public entities. This law results in a Class A misdemeanor conviction punishable by 364 days' imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both, for those who carry firearms in buildings or on grounds subject to such policies. This penalty is unfair and unjustified for those who are law-abiding citizens exercising their right to bear arms.