

I strongly **oppose** SB 348.

If you read the latest information concerning the Nashville shooting at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville Police Chief John Drake said that the shooter had additional plans to attack a second location but decided against it because there was too much **security** there.

Schools are known to be “Gun Free Zones”

So, how does it make sense to disarm law abiding citizens with the ability to deter a crime?

Criminals don’t obey laws – period.

Facts do matter.

- **Fact:** Of 14,000 CCW licensees in Oregon, only 4 (0.03%) were convicted of the criminal (not necessarily violent) use or possession of a firearm.
- **Fact:** People with concealed carry licenses are:
 - 5.7 times less likely to be arrested for violent offenses than the general public
 - 13.5 times less likely to be arrested for non-violent offenses than the general public

Fact: CCW holders have prevented or curtailed mass public shootings – Pearl, Mississippi (Pearl Junior High School), Edinboro, Pennsylvania (Parker Middle School), Winnemucca, Nevada (Players Bar and Grill), Colorado Springs, Colorado (New Life Church).

Fact: Of all the alternatives to preventing mass public shootings, police officers believe that civilian concealed carry is the most effective.”