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SB698

I oppose SB 698. Overall, this bill, while unconstitutional, is also not solving any "issues" and seems driven by lobbying special interest groups with too much money in politics. This bill would make a CHL practically useless.

*Public places would become a frustrating legal maze, making routine activities (e.g., walking past a library or park) potentially illegal.

*Restrictions disproportionately affect responsible gun owners, including families on a daily walk from home, and those without vehicles who cannot lock up their weapons. Someone carrying and picking up their dog's waste on a lawn next to a public building would be a "criminal".

*Requirement to unload and lock up a firearm in a vehicle before entering a building and then reloading firearms in plain sight increases public panic.

*Frequent chambering and unchambering of rounds can cause overpressure, increasing the danger of a catastrophic malfunction causing grave injuries.

*Concealed carry permit holders statistically commit fewer crimes than law enforcement.

*Criminals intent on violence will not follow posted restrictions.

*Mass shooters have been stopped by armed citizens (e.g., Elijah Dickens, Jack Wilson). Our own Oregon resident, Nick Meli, put a stop to the Clackamas Town Center shooting while carrying.

*Legislation like this seems to be in direct retaliation to Bruen.