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I Oppose SB 698, because it takes away Oregonians rights to defend themselves. The statistics do not back this bill up. People with concealed handgun licenses aren't the ones committing crimes, we are the people on the ready to defend ourselves and our loved ones. The people who are committing crimes however, don't stop because of a potential misdemeanor like carrying a weapon concealed. Misdemeanor charges don't stop murder any more than felony charges don't. Someone who is going to commit such a terrible crime isn't going to change their mind because of a sign that says you cannot have a firearm here. But law abiding citizens who follow the law, will be stripped of the ability to defend themselves and others in such a terrifying situation. If Oregon legislatures truly care about lowering these crimes, then they would introduce legislature to be tougher on criminals and force District Attorneys and judges to stop dropping charges against ACTUAL criminals! They would ACTUALLY prosecute criminals, instead of letting them free to continue to break the law and put Oregonians in harms way. This is just another despicable grab at Oregonians second amendment rights. More government over reach by the draconian government of Oregon, and it needs to stop!