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To the Oregon State Senators regarding SB 698

I'm writing in opposition to this bill. It will create a patchwork of areas where it's okay and not okay to be able to carry a firearm with a CHL. This will end up being confusing, and won't be clear where these boundaries are, when small municipalities can create their own different rules. The boundaries of these areas are not always clearly marked, and without a clear way of posting where they are and having that information easily accessible, many misdemeanors are going to accidentally happen because of this bill.

In addition, adding the "grounds" of a facility extends and blurs the border of what's allowed, as these are also not always clearly marked. A person could be carrying and cut across the lawn of a court, not even knowing what that building is, and be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

There's no way to salvage this bill by modifying it, it must be scrapped. Thank you for your time.