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Concealed carry is generally already prohibited for all government buildings, schools, airports, national parks, private property with posted signs prohibiting firearms, public transportation, religious institutions, and business establishments with policies against firearms. If we open this prohibition to other public entities or buildings, we in essence make a concealed carry holder a potential criminal just for exercising the RIGHT to carry a concealed weapon. Carrying a firearm is a serious responsibility, and gun owners must adhere to the laws and regulations in order to maintain the integrity of their rights. Differences between state and federal laws regarding concealed carry in public spaces can and will create confusion for gun owners. How do gun owners familiarize ourselves with the specific laws regarding concealed carry when those policies, ordinances or regulations can change at any given point depending on who is in control of a building or area? This bill would make it nearly impossible to conceal carry in Oregon. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.