

May 13, 2025

Chair Kayse Jama
Members of the Senate Rules Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR. 97301

Chair Jama and Members of the Committee,

The Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) represents approximately 950 districts with 32 types of districts across the state that play a crucial role in delivering essential public services to our citizens, including fire protection, water supply, sanitation, libraries, parks and recreation, irrigation and more. Our association would like to express its support of the amendments under consideration to SB 243 that would allow special district governing bodies to discuss publicly whether concealed firearm permit holders should be allowed to carry within buildings where the governing body conducts official meetings.

Our association is diverse in both its geography and leanings regarding firearms. While many of our rural members are comfortable with our current regulations regarding concealed carry permits in or on public premises, there are others who take a more precautionary position. We appreciate that the amendments before you recognize that this diverse position should be determined at the local level and, importantly, that amendments are included that would allow Special Districts the ability to make this determination by their locally elected and accountable officials.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Lobbyist