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The provision of the bill creating a patchwork of areas that would restrict the ability of a CHL holder would be overly complicated. This would create an unworkable situation for legal firearm owners as well as law enforcement officials due to the overwhelming number of buildings this could potentially affect. The use of the phrase controlled by appears to create a temporary restriction that would change depending on the use of the building. A city, county, or district could foreseeably control a build for a day, a week, a month, or a year. If this bill passes it appears the language would allow a local government to temporarily restrict access to CHL holders on a whim as long as the governing body adopted a policy and hung signs. Studies and FBI statistics consistently show CHL holders are far less likely to commit crimes, have their CHL revoked, and do have a positive impact on violent crime overall. Our neighbors to the east in Idaho show that to be true as they allow for permitless concealed carry and violent crime fell. Oregon has a crime problem but restrictions on law abiding citizens ability to defend themselves when law enforcement is stretched thin will not enhance safety. Individuals should be allowed to choose how they protect themselves in this state.