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I have no objection to restricting the use of Bump Stocks as I see very little if any use for them. However, I strongly oppose restricting concealed carry by law abiding citizens within a public meeting. Has there ever been a shooting at a public meeting in Oregon which created the need for this law or is this our legislature trying to fix a problem that, to date, has not existed? Why not require all people to use public transportation because there is the possibility of someone driving a car while drunk and killing someone?

This proposed law does nothing to stop an individual intent on using a weapon while attending a public meeting. It does not mandate law enforcement or armed security presence at any and all public meetings, nor does it mandate the use of metal detectors at the entrance of public meetings. The lack of law enforcement or armed security at public meeting and metal detectors might create an unsafe work environment for those people responsible for holding the meeting,

Large rural counties may not have sufficient Sheriff Deputies or budget available to attend public meetings in unincorporated towns within the County and small rural cities may not have the L/E personnel or budget to provide an officer at public meetings.

This bill will restrict law abiding citizens right of self-defense. If the legislature is truly concerned with stopping gun crime in Oregon, then strengthen Oregon laws by providing minimum mandatory sentences for those persons who use a firearm while committing a criminal act, don't punish law abiding citizens