HB 3884-1 (LC 3285) 4/3/25 (JLM/ps)

Requested by Representative TRAN

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3884

1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

"Whereas suicide is a public health crisis affecting many Oregon families
and communities daily; and

Whereas over the last decade, Oregon has been a leader in suicide prevention, investing in upstream strategies to reduce deaths, but continues to
have one of the highest rates of suicide in the nation; and

Whereas suicide prevention for veterans, members of the military and their families and for all other Oregon residents requires expanded, secure firearm storage outside of the home to reduce access to lethal means, which is an evidence-based strategy supported by scientific research; and

"Whereas encouraging temporary, voluntary firearm storage outside of 11 the home is a critical step in reducing suicide risk and saving lives, as 12 demonstrated by programs in other states such as Washington, Texas and 13 Louisiana, all of which have lower suicide rates as compared to Oregon; and 14 "Whereas to facilitate the secure, voluntary storage of firearms outside 15 of the home, this Act establishes limited liability protections for federal 16 firearms licensees who enter into firearm hold agreements with firearm 17 owners seeking to store their firearms securely; now, therefore,". 18

19 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

20 "<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) As used in this section:

21 "(a) 'Federal firearms licensee' or 'licensee' means an individual or

entity licensed under 18 U.S.C. 923 to engage in firearm sales or
 transfers.

³ "(b) 'Firearm' has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.210.

4 "(c) 'Firearm hold agreement' means a voluntary, private trans-5 action between a federal firearms licensee and an individual firearm 6 owner in which the licensee facilitates the use of secure storage space 7 for a firearm, or a component of a firearm, at the request of the 8 owner, holds the firearm or component for an agreed-upon period of 9 time and returns the firearm or component to the owner according to 10 the terms of the agreement.

11 "(2) A federal firearms licensee may enter into a firearm hold 12 agreement with the owner of a firearm or firearm component.

"(3) A person may not bring a cause of action against a federal firearms licensee for any act or omission of the licensee relating to a firearm hold agreement, including an action based on physical injury or death resulting from the return of a firearm or component to its lawful owner after the termination of a firearm hold agreement, unless the cause of action is based upon:

19 "(a) A negligent act by the licensee; or

"(b) The licensee's return of a firearm to a person verbalizing or
otherwise clearly demonstrating the intent to engage in the unlawful
use of a firearm or to cause physical harm to self or others.".

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