

# House Bill 2791

Sponsored by Representative BUTLER (at the request of Jack Myers)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows state agency to authorize employee to carry firearm while working on telecommunication devices in remote areas. Directs agency to determine whether employee's safety is at risk. Requires employee to complete training program.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to firearms.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) When a state agency has an employee who works in remote areas on**  
5 **telecommunications devices, the agency shall evaluate the employee's duties to determine**  
6 **whether the employee's personal safety is at risk because of the work assignment. The**  
7 **agency may allow the employee to possess a firearm while working in a remote area if:**

8 (a) **The agency determines that:**

9 (A) **The employee is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing a firearm;**

10 (B) **The possession of a firearm does not conflict with the security interests of other le-**  
11 **gitimate governmental operations; and**

12 (C) **The employee's personal safety is at risk; and**

13 (b) **The employee has satisfactorily completed a training program approved by the agency**  
14 **that may include, but need not be limited to, the use of firearms for the purpose of self-**  
15 **defense and dealing with confrontations.**

16 (2) **The employee is required to pay the costs of:**

17 (a) **Attending the training program required by subsection (1)(b) of this section; and**

18 (b) **Obtaining the firearm.**

19 (3) **When an employee is authorized to possess a firearm under this section, the employee**  
20 **may:**

21 (a) **Possess only the type of firearm approved by the agency; and**

22 (b) **Use the firearm only for the purpose of self-defense.**

23 (4) **An agency's decisions and determinations under subsection (1) of this section are**  
24 **subject to review as provided for a contested case under ORS 183.413 to 183.497.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.