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**Republicans disturbed by Brown administration rule that
compromises self-defense rights of Oregonians**
***Oregon Department of Administrative Services effective Jan
6 terminated the right to self-defense of employees, board
and commission members, employees and others working
in state agencies***

SALEM-Today, Republican leadership in both the House and Senate responded to the Oregon [Department of Administrative Services \(DAS\) policy effective Jan. 6 stripping](#) all employees, board and commission members, volunteers and others working in an agency, of the right to self-defense.

House Republican Leader Mike McLane, of Powell Butte, released the following statement:

"I am extremely concerned to learn that our state government has taken steps that limit employees' right to self-defense and believe that these actions may violate the Oregon Constitution. I will be asking Gov. Brown's office to explain where they believe their power to take such actions is derived from and, if necessary, take swift action to restore the rights of Oregonians as soon as possible."

Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, of John Day, expressed concern for the safety of state employees:

"The governor's administration has no business confiscating self-defense

rights from public servants, volunteers and others, who have committed themselves to serving our state. Oregonians should be outraged that public servants are now endangered due to a seemingly political agenda at the cost of safety."

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