



**IDAHO STATE LODGE
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RE: Idaho FOP Support of House Bill 565 – Retired Law Enforcement Concealed Carry

The Idaho State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, consisting of over 1800 members statewide who are active and retired Law Enforcement, supports HB565 allowing qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officers who obtain the Retired Law Enforcement Concealed Weapon Permit to carry a firearm in all places active Law Enforcement can carry. Retired Law Enforcement officers who obtain the Retired CWP have a yearly requirement for yearly renewal and firearm qualification, which along with their extensive training and experience through years of service as a Peace Officer is significantly more than most average citizens in Idaho.

Law Enforcement relies on Idaho's citizens to report criminal and suspicious activity when it happens. Among those citizens are the men and women who proudly served their own communities as a Peace Officer and continue to apply their years of experience in everyday life recognizing dangerous activity that otherwise would go unnoticed to the untrained eye. These retired officers are among our children at public schools and college campuses all over Idaho and have the ability and desire to react to danger when needed. For our active Law Enforcement Professionals, these retired officers are an invaluable asset that can engage danger or react to save lives at the very moment it happens.

Retired Law Enforcement that takes the time to obtain the Retired Law Enforcement Concealed Weapon Permit and upkeep on their skills should be allowed to carry their concealed firearm everywhere an active Law Enforcement Professional can. Having the ability to do so strengthens our communities by taking advantage of these willing citizens who proudly served in Law Enforcement, retired with honor, and continue to be a trained watchful eye everywhere they go.

The Idaho State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police supports House Bill 565

Sincerely,

Bryan Lovell
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