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Re: Comments submitted on Child Welfare rules

Dear Mr. and Ms. XXXX

I am writing in response to the comments you sent on January 30 and February 16.

The revised rules should address your concerns. OAR 413-200-0335 (part of Policy II-B.1 "Certification Standards for Foster Parents, Relative Caregivers, and Pre-Adoptive Parents"), which will take effect on March 20, will contain the following language:

- "(3) Except as provided otherwise in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, a certified family that has or uses firearms must:
- (a) Store all firearms unloaded and in a locked location inaccessible to a child or young adult.
 - (b) Store ammunition in a locked container and separate from firearms.
 - (c) When transporting a child or young adult, any firearm in the vehicle must be unloaded with the ammunition locked in a separate container.
 - (d) Law enforcement officers are exempt from this section only when they are complying with their law enforcement agency's firearm-safety procedures.
 - (e) Assure that any members of the household who possess a concealed weapons

permit provide the Department with a --

- (A) Copy of the permit; and
 - (B) Written plan to keep concealed weapons secure from a child or young adult in the care or custody of the Department when in the home or in vehicles when transporting a child or young adult.
- (f) Notify and receive authorization from a child or young adult's caseworker or the caseworker's supervisor prior to a child or young adult's beginning hunting or target practice.
- (4) In order to protect the safety of a child or young adult in care, a certified family must store hunting and sporting equipment, such as knives, spears, arrows, hunting sling shots, bows, and martial art weapons, in a safe and secure manner, and inaccessible to a child or young adult."

Thank you for your efforts as foster parents and for participating in the rule development process.

Very truly yours,

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