

SB 554 -8, -10, -11 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides authority to a city, county, metropolitan service district, ports operating a commercial airport service passenger terminal and grounds adjacent to the passenger terminal, and school districts and colleges to adopt ordinances regulating possession of firearms in public buildings, and property, owned by the authority, by persons licensed to carry a concealed handgun, limiting the affirmative defense provided in ORS 166.370(3)(g).

Increases initial concealed handgun license fee from \$50 to \$100 and renewal of a concealed handgun license fee from \$50 to \$75.

Effective 91 days after sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-8 States that any entity that owns or occupies a public building that adopts an ordinance under section 1 of this 2021 Act limiting or precluding the possession of firearms in those public buildings by persons otherwise authorized under ORS 166.370(3)(g) is strictly liable for any harm resulting from a violent event that occurs on or near the premises of the public building.

Creates a cause of action for a person who is a victim of a violent event or a person who is personally acquainted with a victim of the violent event described in section 1a of this amendment.

-10 Provides that any entity that owns or occupies a public building may adopt an ordinance or policy limiting or precluding the possession of firearms in those public buildings by persons otherwise authorized under ORS 166.370(3)(g).

States that a public building does not include any part of a building or grounds that serves as a parking area or parking garage. Amends definition of public building relating to commercial service airport to only the passenger terminal of a commercial service airport.

Requires notice of an entity's ordinance or policy limiting possession of firearms to be posted to the entity's website and that any sign include a universally recognizable symbol indicating that firearm possession is prohibited.

-11 Requires any entity that adopts an ordinance or policy under this section to provide security armed security services and detection devices at each building entrance. Requires notice of an entity's ordinance or policy limiting possession of firearms to be posted to identifying all locations where the affirmative defense described in ORS 166.370(3)(g) is limited.

BACKGROUND:

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Oregon statute provides that any person who intentionally possesses a loaded or unloaded firearm or any other instrument used as a dangerous weapon, while in or on a public building, shall upon conviction be guilty of a Class C felony unless that person is licensed under ORS 166.291 and 166.292 to carry a concealed handgun.

SB 554 expands the authority of a city, county, metropolitan service district, ports operating a commercial airport to prohibit the possession of firearms within certain buildings to individuals who are otherwise exempt from said prohibitions under current statutes.