

SB 554 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Thatcher

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

Minority Report

Action Date: 02/25/21

Action: Do pass with different amendments. (Printed A-Eng.) Minority

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

Report Signers: Sen. Kim Thatcher, Sen. Dennis Linthicum

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Meeting Dates: 2/22, 2/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Declares that the people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the state and it shall not be infringed. Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Director to conduct a survey of all scientific and evidence-based data regarding effectiveness of gun-free zones in the United States in deterring violent criminals. Requires that data collected as part of survey shall be reported to the Legislative Assembly before the 2022 Legislative Assembly is convened. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for review of studies on effectiveness of gun-free zones
- Examples from other countries
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

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.

Senate Bill 554 MRA directs the Legislative Policy and Research Director to conduct a survey of all scientific and evidence-based data regarding effectiveness of gun-free zones in the United States in deterring violent criminals and report back to the Legislative Assembly as provided by ORS 192.245.