

SB 554 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Burdick**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation****Action Date:** 02/25/21**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 4-3-0-0**Yeas:** 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Manning Jr, Prozanski**Nays:** 3 - Heard, Linthicum, Thatcher**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact**Prepared By:** Gillian Fischer, Counsel**Meeting Dates:** 2/22, 2/25**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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). Clarifies that a public building does not include any part of a building or grounds that serve as a parking area or parking garage. Limits 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 include a universally recognizable symbol indicating that firearm possession is prohibited. Increases initial concealed handgun license fee from \$50 to \$100 and renewal of a concealed handgun license fee from \$50 to \$75. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Public safety in public buildings
- Providing easily recognizable symbol on building signs
- Local decision-making authority
- Penalties for violations
- Definition of public building

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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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.

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Senate Bill 554 A expands the authority of a city, county, metropolitan service district, or port operating a commercial airport to prohibit the possession of firearms within public buildings to individuals who were exempt from the prohibition due to holding a concealed handgun permit.