

**SENATE MINORITY REPORT
AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 554**

By Nonconcurring Members of COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND BALLOT
MEASURE 110 IMPLEMENTATION

March 22

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “firearms;” delete the rest of the line and insert “and
2 prescribing an effective date.”.

3 Delete line 3 and insert:

4 “Whereas the right of self-defense is a natural right; and

5 “Whereas concealed handgun licensees are some of the most law-abiding citizens in Oregon; and

6 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person is under 21 years
7 old; and

8 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person has outstanding
9 warrants for arrest; and

10 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person is on any form of
11 pretrial release; and

12 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person has ever been
13 convicted of a felony or found guilty except for insanity of a felony; and

14 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person has been convicted
15 of a misdemeanor or found guilty except for insanity of a misdemeanor within the four years prior
16 to applying for the license; and

17 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person been committed to
18 the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 426.130; and

19 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person has been found to
20 be a person with mental illness and is subject to an order under ORS 426.130 prohibiting the person
21 from purchasing or possessing a firearm as a result of the mental illness; and

22 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person has been convicted
23 of an offense involving controlled substances or participated in a court-supervised drug diversion
24 program, except for a single misdemeanor conviction or completed diversion involving marijuana;
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26 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person is subject to a ci-
27 tation issued under ORS 163.735 or an order issued under ORS 30.866, 107.700 to 107.735 or 163.738;
28 and

29 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person received a dis-
30 honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States; and

31 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person is required to reg-
32 ister as a sex offender in any state; and

33 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the person is subject to an
34 order under ORS 426.133 prohibiting the person from purchasing or possessing a firearm; and

1 “Whereas concealed handgun licensees are required to have firearm training before being issued
2 a concealed handgun license; and

3 “Whereas concealed handgun licensees have prevented individual and mass shootings; and

4 “Whereas Oregonians with concealed handgun licenses who carry concealed handguns have a
5 better chance of defending themselves; and

6 “Whereas criminals do not abide by gun-free zones; and

7 “Whereas crime-ridden parts of Portland have become a threat to individual livelihoods and
8 personal property; and

9 “Whereas Multnomah County is known to prosecute individual concealed handgun licensees
10 trying to defend themselves from a violent mob, yet refuses to prosecute certain criminals, inviting
11 more criminality; and

12 “Whereas the supermajority in the Legislative Assembly has introduced bills to eliminate school
13 resource officers, leaving our children defenseless in schools; and

14 “Whereas equating law-abiding citizens exercising their right to self-defense with criminals who
15 want to cause violence is irrational; and

16 “Whereas singling out and setting up one class of law-abiding citizens to become felons for
17 actions that currently constitute part of their everyday lives is arbitrary, capricious and vindictive;
18 and

19 “Whereas forcing people to leave firearms unattended in vehicles is dangerous and violates the
20 safety rules that all good gun owners follow; and

21 “Whereas Oregonians have recently been buying, or attempting to buy, firearms in record
22 numbers, and legislation aimed at law-abiding gun owners is an affront to an ever-larger percentage
23 of our population; and

24 “Whereas rural counties have limited police protection and urban counties have police who are
25 politically hindered from arresting certain types of criminals; and

26 “Whereas politically-motivated district attorneys are refusing to prosecute certain criminals who
27 police do arrest, encouraging more criminal behavior; and

28 “Whereas Senate Bill 554 as introduced, or as amended by the -10 amendments, is antithetical
29 to ‘common sense’ because it targets law-abiding citizens while simultaneously doing nothing to
30 prevent gun use by criminals; and

31 “Whereas members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly take an oath to defend the Constitution;
32 now, therefore,”.

33 Delete lines 5 through 26 and delete pages 2 through 9 and insert:

34 “**SECTION 1. The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves,
35 and the state, but the military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.**

36 “**SECTION 2. A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the
37 right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.**

38 “**SECTION 3. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall conduct a survey of
39 all scientific and evidence-based data, pertaining to the United States, regarding the effec-
40 tiveness of gun-free zones as a credible and reliable deterrent against violent criminals with
41 malicious intent to do harm.**

42 “**(2) The director shall compile all data collected as part of the survey into a report and
43 provide the report to the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, before
44 the date of convening of the 2022 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in
45 ORS 171.010.**

1 **“SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**
2 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

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/s/ Dennis Linthicum
Senator

/s/ Kim Thatcher
Senator
