

SB 554-MR13
(LC 2363)
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Requested by Senator THATCHER

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

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “firearms;” delete the rest of
2 the line and insert “and 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
6 citizens in Oregon; and

7 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the per-
8 son is under 21 years old; and

9 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the per-
10 son has outstanding warrants for arrest; and

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

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

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

19 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the per-
20 son been committed to the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 426.130; and

21 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the per-

1 son has been found to be a person with mental illness and is subject to an
2 order under ORS 426.130 prohibiting the person from purchasing or possess-
3 ing a firearm as a result of the mental illness; and

4 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the per-
5 son has been convicted of an offense involving controlled substances or par-
6 ticipated in a court-supervised drug diversion program, except for a single
7 misdemeanor conviction or completed diversion involving marijuana; and

8 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the per-
9 son is subject to a citation issued under ORS 163.735 or an order issued un-
10 der ORS 30.866, 107.700 to 107.735 or 163.738; and

11 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the per-
12 son received a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United
13 States; and

14 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the per-
15 son is required to register as a sex offender in any state; and

16 “Whereas a person cannot obtain a concealed handgun license if the per-
17 son is subject to an order under ORS 426.133 prohibiting the person from
18 purchasing or possessing a firearm; and

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

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

23 “Whereas Oregonians with concealed handgun licenses who carry con-
24 cealed handguns have a better chance of defending themselves; and

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

26 “Whereas crime-ridden parts of Portland have become a threat to indi-
27 vidual livelihoods and personal property; and

28 “Whereas Multnomah County is known to prosecute individual concealed
29 handgun licensees trying to defend themselves from a violent mob, yet re-
30 fuses to prosecute certain criminals, inviting more criminality; and

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

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

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

9 “Whereas forcing people to leave firearms unattended in vehicles is dan-
10 gerous and violates the safety rules that all good gun owners follow; and

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

14 “Whereas rural counties have limited police protection and urban coun-
15 ties have police who are politically hindered from arresting certain types of
16 criminals; and

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

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

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

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

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

30 **“SECTION 2. A well regulated militia, being necessary to the secu-**

1 rity of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall
2 not be infringed.

3 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall**
4 **conduct a survey of all scientific and evidence-based data, pertaining**
5 **to the United States, regarding the effectiveness of gun-free zones as**
6 **a credible and reliable deterrent against violent criminals with mali-**
7 **cious intent to do harm.**

8 **“(2) The director shall compile all data collected as part of the**
9 **survey into a report and provide the report to the Legislative Assem-**
10 **bly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, before the date of con-**
11 **vening of the 2022 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as**
12 **specified in ORS 171.010.**

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

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