

April 20, 2021

SB#554
House Rules Committee
Chairperson Barbara Smith Warner

I oppose this bill for the reasons below:

554 will make Concealed Handgun License holders FELONS if they stray too close to any public building that has been declared off limits by whoever controls that building.

The bill also doubles the cost of a concealed handgun license.

The 2nd Amendment of the Constitution was created for the purpose of my right to bear arms. It was created to protect the citizens from tyranny governments that would want to disarm their people. Which is exactly what this bill and other bills are have aimed for.

My weapon is protection for myself should I ever need to defend against criminals or murderers. The letter you see below is one I wrote just a little over a year ago. Although it was written for SB#1538, it still holds the same opposition I feel for this bill. The difference also is I am now a legal CHL holder. Just like last year I am NOT ALLOWED to be in a building my taxes pay for to give verbal testimony.

I direct this to Ms Warner, do you have weapons? Do you have body guards? Do you lock your doors at night? If you answer yes to any of these than you are using your constitutional right to protect yourself, while you make bills to take mine away. The people you should fear, criminals they wont follow your laws.

I wrote this letter below,

Feb 11, 2020

SB# 1538 (2-12-2020)

For: "Work Session" (Hearing cancelled)

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Chairman Prozanski and members of the Committee.

My name is Teresa Burns, I am a hard working Oregonian. You have gone from a HEARING to a WORK SESSION that does not allow for representation against this bill to be present. I am against SB 1538 for the following reasons and this is only a few:

SB 1538 1. restricts where CHL holders may carry,

2. Allows jurisdictions to make their own laws on CHL carry

3. Creates confusion for CHL holders and could cause honest CHL holders to go to prison for 5 years and \$125,000 fine.

I am not currently a CHL holder, but do intend to acquire a license in the future. And now that will be the very near future. At 63 I feel in a situation where I needed to defend myself physically I may not be able to do so. I am a law abiding citizen and a CHL would give me a sense of safety in defending myself should I need to. Even though I have not gone through a class, I do know it is 8 hours long. You go through training, extensive background check and licensing requirements.

I also know this Bill if I had a CHL would be confusing, as I would have to study each jurisdiction I pass through to comply. I may have to potentially lock up, than unlock and re-holster in each jurisdiction. And this is all based on my having a gun safe in my car. This Bill is the most unconstitutional bill I have seen to date. It will put people like me in jail for 5 years and fine me \$125 thousand dollars!!!!

It will give me the feeling of not being safe, as criminals will NOT COMPLY with this law. And turns me into a felon, how please tell me is that fair?

Each and every one of you swore an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. If you move forward with this Bill, the oath you swore would be nothing more than a slap in the face to our fore fathers, who made the Amendments to protect against governments disarming their people. And in my opinion that is exactly what this Bill is doing. I ask that you do not move forward on this Bill.

In addition:

A Public Hearing, notice put out Monday 2-10-2020 at 5:10pm and the deadline to submit comments/exhibits for the work session is the next morning 2-11-2020 at 8am... Was this done so people would not have the time to respond? This seems pretty underhanded. Not allowing a public hearing on such a serious bill in my opinion undermines the peoples right to be at such hearings. What a cowardly decision.

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Sincerely,

Teresa E Burns