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Chair Warner and Members of the Committee:

For the record I am Al Elkins, representing the Oregon Hunters Association. I am here today in opposition to SB 554 the bill that imposes unfair restrictions on concealed license holders.

OHA cannot support a bill that restricts law-abiding citizens that are skilled and licensed to carry a handgun. While this bill does not ban guns outright, we believe that the bill makes law-abiding citizens that want to carry a gun to protect themselves and their loved ones even more of a risk with poorly defined descriptions as to what is off limits to concealed handgun owners. As we read the bill the penalties are extreme for what likely could be an inadvertent violation and comparable to those for actual violent crimes.

We do not want to see hunters get caught in this maze of poor definitions that could make them lose their right to carry a firearm including a rifle or shotgun for hunting if convicted of unknowingly violating this law by carrying a firearm they are licensed to carry. All this and higher CHL license fees too. CHL fees are high enough and in this pandemic era where Oregonians are struggling to make a living, fees like these should be reduced.

We urge you to not support SB 554.