

Even with the -20 Amendment, SB 554 would place undue burdens on law abiding gun owners with an emergency clause included that would place the bill beyond the reach of the voters. SB 554 would make obtaining a CHL more expensive, which would disproportionately impact lower income Oregonians that tend to live in higher crime areas. Additionally, by restricting the number and types of locations Oregonians can exercise their right to self defense using a firearm, they are left defenseless and at the mercy of criminals who don't care about gun free zones. Combining HB 2510 with this bill would create a legal minefield for law abiding gun owners as the language regarding what constitutes an approved securement method is vague. Lastly, there's not way to determine if gun owners were in compliance or not. For instance, if someone breaks into my vehicle and snips the cable securing my lock box to the seat frame and then drills out the lock and gets my firearm, would the cut cable be enough proof I was in compliance? In short, HB 2510 though well intentioned is nonetheless full of vague language and makes for a legal minefield for gun owners. Therefore, I urge that SB 554 be tabled and that HB 2510 be clarified before further consideration.