

If this bill is enacted into law it should be re-named the "Enter at your own risk bill"

I plead with you, SB554 removes my constitutional right, and the right of my family, especially my own daughter to personally protect herself with a concealed handgun.

My family, like so many other Oregonians, took the time to invest in training, and knowledge, and are licensed to carry a concealed handgun.

I know personally young women who are ministering and mentoring young people on college campuses. Situations like my own daughter might find herself in, on a public property, college campus, or unknowingly in one of these so called "Gun Free Zones" under this proposed bill would be a default felon criminal. This bill is not creating safe zones, it is creating a DANGER zones.

My concern for the safety of my family, my children and those I know and love. Many have had some close calls, I have heard testimony from friends and family who have had a number of close calls with criminals who prey on the vulnerable and they do not discriminate if the property is private or publicly owned. The choice to have personal protection in the form of a concealed handgun is the best defense, and constitutionally protected.

SB554 threatens to force my friends and family to choose to be a criminal or a victim. Plain and simple. If this bill passes, and the college campuses become DANGER ZONES where only the criminals posses guns, this bill's will force law abiding conceal carry owners to put themselves at risk, or commit a crime. Does the committee trust the criminal intent of a predator and assume they will follow this law? Do you seriously believe, a criminal or mentally ill assailant who may posses a handgun will turn around when they see the posted "Gun Free" zone?

I think this bill will only make criminals of those who support the legislations constituents who would not vote for them anyway, I think your true motives are not to protect and serve your constituents but to punish your opposition.

Please choose to VOTE NO on this bill, please don't choose to make 6.5% of Oregonians criminals if they fail to surrender the firearm they legally possess and licensed to carry in arbitrary "Gun Free" zones. If you do you are clearly showing that you care more about showing your own fake virtue, and less about the safety of those your charged to serve.

This bill does absolutely NOTHING to make OREGON safe, it does everything to take away your constituents safety.

Respectfully,  
Ben Roche