

SB554 - Full victimhood for Oregonians.

As a 70 plus years old Oregonian and decades long gun owner I am astounded by the proposed actions of this legislature-much of it backed by a billionaire intent on limiting as much individual freedom as possible.

In states studied, the crime rate of licensed concealed carry holders is below that of even law enforcement.

Yet, I would be denied access to any State building (that I help pay for) with my means of self-protection. This despite having undergone an in-depth background check and training to obtain my concealed carry license.

Further, in order to ascertain whether I am in a restricted area or proximal to same (or maybe thinking about an area subject to this restriction), creates an impossibility for a licensed concealed carry holder to remain compliant without a complete area platte map of who owns what in a city or county in Oregon.

- If I drive by the airport on my way to Costco with my duly licensed weapon - I am a criminal.
- If I walk by an unimproved property that happens to owned by the community college or school district with my duly licensed weapon - I am a criminal.

This bill places a great harm on law abiding Oregonians and in reality creates a de facto ban on concealed carry; since the ascertainment of where restricted areas may be is an undue burden on Oregonians who have submitted to increased scrutiny in order to exercise their right to self-defense.

Slow of gait now. Hair of gray now. These are signals to the human predators in our society that I am an easier target. With the passage of this ill-advised and unwarranted legislation I am forced to offer myself up as a victim when I traverse the distance between the parking area, etc. toward a library, State building, or any other such facility that chooses to demand my victimhood.

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