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SB 554 is a blatant attempt to criminalize lawful behavior. Encouraging a multitude of political subdivisions to enact their own rules regarding the carrying of a concealed handgun by a licensed person effectively creates felons out of law abiding residents / taxpayers of the State of Oregon. This bill would make it nearly impossible to know where it is legal to carry and where it is not as the various jurisdictions will continually move the goal posts. Concealed handgun license holders commit crimes, involving a gun, at a rate that is many times less than that of even law enforcement officers and this bill is attempting to solve a non-existent problem. Our Constitution guarantees the right to keep and BEAR arms. This bill is a direct assault on that right. Concealed Handgun License holders are not the problem. Vote NO on this atrocity. We are not a police state....yet.