

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.

Further, the bill is racist and ageist with the marked fee increases which will economically limit access for lower income inner city residents and those of greater age who are on fixed incomes.

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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