

SB 554 is not designed to enhance public safety but to further erode our Second Amendment rights as enshrined in The Constitution. Placing further limitations on where law abiding citizens with permits can carry their personal protective firearms will not make these areas safer but will in fact, accomplish the opposite. Furthermore, this bill would punish previously law abiding citizens with fines and jail time, creating felons with the stroke of a pen. Lastly, increasing fees for concealed carry permits will disproportionately impact lower income Oregonians, placing them at greater risk of being preyed upon by the criminal element in our society. SB 554 is a mean spirited attack on the basic human right of self defense and should be resoundingly rejected!

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