

Chair Senator Floyd Prozanski, Vice-chair Senator Kim Thatcher

My name is Melvin Whittier.

I have been a citizen of Oregon since 1960.

I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554.

This proposed legislation appears to be a "solution" in search of a "problem".

There are very few instances of concealed handgun owners being found causing harm to the general public.

However there are almost daily reports in the Oregon news media of felons in possession of a firearm where a threat to the general public/law enforcement took place.

If you want to focus on firearm legislation that is meaningful to Oregonians might I boldly suggest you work on laws that will do the most good for your constituents.

Thank you.