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To: Chair Prozanski, Fellow Judiciary Committee Members

Subj: Opposition to SB 554



I am a citizen of Oregon and a member of the Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA). The OSSA directly represents nearly 15,000 members through member clubs and individual membership to foster safe and responsible firearms use as well as family-oriented shooting sports in Oregon. Additionally, we provide information, resources, and assistance to Oregon hunters. OSSA, and its members, are also strong supporters of the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights, the U.S. Constitution, and the Oregon Constitution that support the rights and responsibilities of responsible firearm owners.

I would like to testify against SB 554. The reasons for my opposition are as follows:

- SB 554 enables local municipalities to independently adopt ordinances or policy on firearms. This would enable local governing bodies to override the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and state law (removes current preemption). By allowing each community to be independent and different. Lawful citizens may unknowingly violate the law and risk criminal punishment.
- SB 554 bans CCW carry from any public building or grounds (except parking lot) and would require the CCW Permit holder to unload and lock up their firearm in the trunk with a cable lock, or gun safe if HB 2510 passes. Otherwise, firearms/weapons must be secured in a car or left at home.
- SB 554 raises fees for Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) Permits and passes the increased cost to program participants. The current law was enacted without funding.
- SB 554 would effectively limit a CCW permit holder's ability to conduct personal business, work for a public entity and still carry.
- SB 554 would expand ORS 166.360 Weapon in Public Building definition by preventing college students who reside on campus or go to school on campus from carrying a concealed firearm/weapon to class/school events/while on campus if the school adopts this policy. Additional References effected: ORS 163.211 Mace and Tear gas Definitions, ORS 166.210 Weapons Defined, ORS 166.240 Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

Thank you for the time to express my views and I hope the Committee will vote against SB 554.