

Senator Prozanski, in regards to SB 554, you realize of course that ORS 166.170, the State preemption says "(1) Except as expressly authorized by state statute, the authority to regulate in any matter whatsoever the sale, acquisition, transfer, ownership, possession, storage, transportation or use of firearms or any element relating to firearms and components thereof, including ammunition, is vested solely in the Legislative Assembly. and (2) Except as expressly authorized by state statute, no county, city or other municipal corporation or district may enact civil or criminal ordinances, including but not limited to zoning ordinances, to regulate, restrict or prohibit the sale, acquisition, transfer, ownership, possession, storage, transportation or use of firearms or any element relating to firearms and components thereof, including ammunition. Ordinances that are contrary to this subsection are void. [1995 s.s. c.1 §1]" Why is it all of a sudden that people who have concealed carry permits in Oregon have become such a menace to society that you and your fellow democrats want us SB 554 to revise ORS 166.262, 166.291, 166.360 and 166.370 so that it would make it virtually impossible to carry a licensed concealed carry weapon anywhere in the state? You realize that people who apply for an Oregon Concealed Permit undergo a more stringent background check and training than those who do not possess one? If I remember this is almost the same tactic used when you unleashed SB 941 in 2015, because suddenly the law abiding gun owners in Oregon became such a huge non-existent problem, that you and the Oregon Legislature had to create a solution. And part of that 'solution' was to invoke the 'emergency clause' to keep the people from voting on it. And as a further note, I wholeheartedly feel that SB 554 willfully violates 18 U.S. Code § 241 - Conspiracy against rights, and 18 U.S. Code § 242 - Deprivation of rights under color of law. Oregon does not need any more 'Nanny-ism', 'Big Brother-ism' or 'just because-isms'.

Thank you,

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