

Senate Committee Chair Prozanski and Committee Members,

I oppose SB 554. I am a 25 year holder of an Oregon CWL holder. I am a business owner and employer of others in Oregon. I am a law abiding, tax paying citizen. The US constitution, as well as the Oregon Constitution, Section 27, guarantee my rights to bear arms and protect myself and my family with those arms in the manner I see fit.

SB 554 is nothing more than a felony trap for the law abiding citizens carriers in Oregon. I am disappointed that I must constantly defend those rights against those who supposedly represent me. Senator Prozanski represents a fair portion of of south Lane County and north Douglas County. In those areas gun rights are valued and many residents wonder why our rights are constantly under attack. Are you aware that as of February 20, 2021 the new firearm purchase back ground check number for OSP this year was great than 54,800? There are a lot of law abiding citizens out here that think many of you are failing to protect our second amendment rights. Many of us have gone through the legal system to obtain the required permit to carry a concealed firearm in a safe and appropriate manner. SB 554 will in effect make it useless to many law abiding citizens, but not to criminals. Criminals will still do whatever they want.

Redefining the meaning of " public area " any greater than what it currently is will serve no useful purpose. All it will do is make criminals out of unsuspecting law abiding citizens.

Please vote against SB 554.

Regards,

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