

Members of the Judiciary Committee;

I am writing you in opposition to SB554.

This bill is again an overreach of your duties and is a special interest payback.

The sponsors are always the same cast of character's.

I was appalled after reading the summary of the Bill.

You are proposing to make current Lawful Possessors of a concealed weapon a felon with Prison time and fines while you let felons out of prison.

The ability to have any public building and or area around it changed to a Weapons Free Zone is ridiculous. You are proposing not only a Firearm ban but also the following items as stated in ORS 163.211 Knives, Pepper Spray, Mace, and Stun Guns. You are going to give a person NO WAY to protect themselves. consider the Coed walking home at night on campus, the elderly person in a parking lot. You are not creating gun free zones but Non-safety zones. "people will get hurt."

This Bill has no provision for anyone that is taking a firearm and or weapon to the airport for transport to another destination. So when I go to my out of state training classes I commit Felonies both leaving and when arriving back home.

The current Concealed Carry Law in this state was to stop the Patchwork of laws that were in this state and make it so you could protect yourself and family with out fear of passing thru a no carry zone. I drive from Salem to Clackamas everyday, how many violations will I commit? Lets look at the potential, pulled into a fast food restaurant that shares a parking lot with a State Agency, (you have small offices al over the place) that you have expanded the no carry zone. Now with my burger I get a Felony Charge. I will close by stating once again lose this bill in committee. It is unneeded and will create horrible consequences .

Thank You