

"My name is Mark Jones." "I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554". This bill is non sensical. I and many other Oregonians have gone the extra mile to obtain our Concealed Carry Permits. This bill is an attack on every LAW abiding citizen and gun owner in the State. There is NO empirical data that suggest that concealed carriers have been involved in crimes of any kind in ANY Facility anywhere in the State. This bill makes everyday law abiding Citizens an makes them instant criminals when the are using the Legally obtained license for their own protection. Removing the States preemption and allowing ANY Government or Organization the ability to carve out areas when CC is not legal is also dangerous to all citizens and CCs and is a terrible approach for this bill to take! In fact 27 States are going toward less restrictions, on carrying handguns in public concealed or not. During these particular times having the opportunity to legally carry for self protection is a must. Since there are those that want to release more criminals and have shorter sentences, while also promoting fewer Law enforcement Oregonians need better access to all forms of self defense not greater obstructions! Please don't make Oregonians, who have gone the extra mile to obtain CC permits, criminals. Please do not move SB 554 forward.
Thank You;
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