

Honorable Senators: I urge you to pass legislation allowing local, county, and other jurisdictions to prohibit the carrying of firearms on properties over which they exercise jurisdiction. There are currently more than 300,000 people in Oregon licensed to carry concealed firearms. I know, and I'm sure you do too, that there are a lot of crazy nutcases who could qualify, or have qualified, for concealed carry permits. Lack of criminal history is no indicator of sanity or good will. Witness the thousands who attempted to overthrow the US Government on January 06. The vast majority of them had no criminal history, and I'm sure that many of those who are from states that require concealed carry permits have such permits. Most likely, some of those who invaded our Oregon capitol building also possess such permits. Please pass SB 554.