

Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher, my name is David Kempas, I have lived in Oregon all my life, I am an Army Military Police veteran, and I served Oregon as a police officer for 29 years, retiring as a sergeant in 2017. I come before you in opposition of Senate Bill 554. Right now there is a consistent law throughout the state governing firearms possession. Should this bill pass, you would create an inconsistent myriad of laws, making one subject to criminal penalties simply by travelling from one part of the state to the other if you are legally possessing a firearm at the start of your journey. My experience as a law enforcement officer is that I have respect for those individuals who have taken the time to go through the process to obtain a concealed weapon permit. I am concerned about having to navigate through an unnecessary maze of gun free zones. If you were to review statistics, the vast majority of mass shootings occurred in gun free zones where politicians have stripped citizens of their right to protect themselves and their families. Criminals do not respect or abide by those laws. Thank you for taking time to listen, I respectfully urge you to kill this bill.