

Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher,

I'm testifying today on opposition of SB 554. I am opposed to this bill because of the potential it has to turn some of our most law-abiding citizens into criminals.

I have a concealed weapon permit and choose to carry at times. I know where I can and can't legally carry a firearm. If SB 554 were to pass there would be no consistency in where it is legal and where it is illegal to have a concealed weapon. In going about my normal daily business, I would more than likely be unintentionally breaking the law. SB 554 would make it almost impossible for myself to legally carry a concealed weapon and because of this my family and I will be less safe.

I feel SB 554 is nothing more than backdoor attempt to eliminate Oregon's concealed weapon permit process. It does nothing to promote public safety while making the permit process more expensive and onerous. Concealed weapons permit holders are some of the most law-abiding people in our society. If you look at the statistics, they pose no threat but provide a benefit while practicing their second amendment rights.

Again, I urge you to vote against SB 554. It is a poorly written bill that will make criminals out of law-abiding citizens

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