

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher

I commend you on all your hard work in introducing SB554

But I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554

I oppose this Bill as I feel it is a step in taking away our 2nd amendment rights.

I'm not sure why this bill has been proposed? What is the reasoning for it?? Has there been a problem with concealed carry permit holders on said properties?? Is there some facts involved with this decision?? How many deaths have occurred??

I agree there should not be any firearms allowed in now regulated government buildings. Especially State Court Houses.

But I would feel safer if I knew there were the chance of a law abiding carrying a firearm in public places (school's hospitals etc) in case someone must stopped or subdued in the act of violence against other citizens, myself or family members. I am very positive that Concealed Carry Permit Holders are a cut above most of our citizens in Oregon. They must go through a process and background checks to obtain a permit. Concealed Carry Permit Holders are not felons, or illegal aliens. Which is why most of them carry a firearm to protect themselves and others from such criminals that carry firearms and other weapons such as mentioned in SB554 (Knives, ice picks, machetes, daggers, sling shots, hammers which were not mentioned) Anyway hope you get my drift. So, in my opinion I would encourage concealed carry. Good Guy with a GUN Verses Bad guy with a weapon.

If gun ownership goes down CRIME will go up. This is a no Brainer.

When I vote for someone or to help elect someone with my vote, I'm voting for some one to protect my Constitutional Rights, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and so on. Not to start chipping away at them. I believe our Senators and Representatives take an oath to uphold the Constitution. So what's the problem are you scared OR are you trying create a new flavor or be the first State with something new on your resume? Mushrooms, Marijuana, small amounts of drugs, are legal now and letting out criminals early. No consequences for bad behavior. Let's go back to a simpler time, lets enforce the laws we already have and not make new ones. Hey how about working on the Budget??

I would suggest working on the homeless, the drug problem, criminal rehab and education for children to educate them to help them stay out of homelessness, poverty, and drugs. Lets teach them Right from Wrong.

Sorry to ramble on But I am very OPPOSED to SB554

Thank you for your time!