

Senate Bill 554 OPPOSE - This is not a bill that will preserve, peace, safety, and goodwill among Oregonians. Firstly, language that does not designate exactly that "around public buildings" means cannot be the makings of a law to be justly enforced. This means that police tasked with enforcing this bill will be at a great risk of bodily injury, just as licensed carry citizens will be. The consequences for violating this (and other Oregon gun laws) are very severe, and there is no basis that enacting penalties around public buildings will cause a decrease in general violence. There will be an increase in animosity and fear among Oregonians as it will perpetuate the perception that the Oregon legislature does not intend to uphold the Constitution of the United States. There are several distinct infringements on the Second Amendment, and this bill also harms interstate commerce by restricting firearms possession near airports. Cities are often quite dangerous, so again, many will avoid coming to Oregon at all since they cannot fly to a place where a licensed, trained, armed friend or loved one can pick them up. Similar situations apply with schools. A decrease in the number of trained, armed, licensed individuals "around" schools will put parents and children in more danger. Further raising the tax on concealed handgun licenses with no reason whatsoever is a dangerous precedent to set for the future, as there could be no end to this cycle, making possession of a license for low-income Oregonians impossible. This bill will foster non-compliance with the law, more danger and crime in cities and around schools, and a much higher chance for an otherwise lawfully armed individual to be harmed or killed by an unlawfully armed person. I have to drive past a school only a mile or two from my house, will I now be required to cede my Constitutional rights while I am within an undisclosed radius of that entity?