

Hi,

SB 554 though well intentioned, has in my opinion been poorly thought out and will make no difference on gun crimes. Here in Oregon a licensed CCW permit holder has already had a criminal background check, mental evaluation, demonstrated their ability to use a firearm safely, and has to be at least 21 years old. These people are not the ones causing problems. As a hunter, I know many others who carry a handgun while they are hunting. This bill could possibly make these individuals felons for simply stopping in a store to pick up their lunch, drop off their child at the mall, or many other scenarios. I see this as being unnecessary, and irresponsible to punish law abiding citizens who are not a threat to society. Even a person traveling across the state would inadvertently commit felonies for simply having their firearm, even if they have gone through the legal processes to carry. I believe that this bill unfairly targets people who are not the problem. I understand wanting to stop violence, but this is not an effective solution.

Thanks,

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