

Honorable chair Smith Warner  
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And committee members.

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SB 554 is shocking as it is aimed directly, and only, at those with concealed handgun licenses and now all firearm owners. There is no justification for this. CHL holders are the most law-abiding segment of society, committing crimes at even a lower rate than police officers. The Association of Counties in Oregon is against this bill. This should be quite telling of your constituents.

The last minute dash 20 amendment is especially horrifying by combining what looks to be pieces of HB 2510 and adding an emergency clause. WHAT EMERGENCY IS THERE? I call the 1900% increase in murders in Portland an emergency where the DA is not enforcing the laws already written. I call the racist gun laws being proposed an emergency. Especially in these times of defund the police where innocent people of color are being targeted in their neighborhoods. Gun laws have historically been deemed racist. We need to be pushing equity with education and training with firearms not banning them in a patchwork of laws across our state. I urge you to look up black guns matter and get a schooling on equity in gun ownership and defense for our people of color. With this amendment you are essentially punishing victims of robberies which are at an all time high due to the revolving jail doors. Also there are many YouTube videos on how to remove a trigger and cable lock in less than 2 minutes using bolt cutters and or a drill. So the safe storage is a joke. You are essentially criminalizing us for having our firearm on us and not being close enough to our firearm. Plus being in a locked car as Gabby Giffords group suggests doesn't make sense as car thefts are up 100% in my small town.

Do you know that California's law the Mulford Act against carrying guns at the capitol was a overtly racist bill that was enacted in response to the Black Panthers carrying guns on capitol grounds and in the capitol in 1967. I would think Oregon would not support such laws in this era.

SB 554 would make it impossible to legally carry protection, as a person could never know whether they might be on property where carry is illegal, so they would be forced to not carry anywhere but then need to avoid theft. Holders of concealed permits have gone through extensive background checks and have proven they are not a threat to anyone. A firearm is safest on the person. For the government to force these citizens to disarm and be defenseless is unconscionable. NO ONE has a right to deny someone else the ability to defend their life.

There is NO problem this bill needs to solve, as concealed carry permit holders not only do not cause problems, they often stop them. Waiting the extra time to unlock your firearm will lead to the loss of life of innocent, defenseless people. Americans use firearms to protect themselves from violent crime in the millions of times per year. Especially women and people of color. Vote no on SB 554

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