

I oppose SB 554. It's not clear what problem this bill is designed to solve. CHL holders are no threat to anyone except people who mean to do them harm. Criminals won't care about other than to know there are areas guaranteed to have no defensive weapons present wherever such restrictions are adopted. Normally I am in favor of local self-governance, except where authority has been specifically delegated to a higher power. In this case, the universal protection of gun rights is entrusted to the highest level and should be broadly supported by the State. Why would the state of Oregon wish to allow public entities to infringe further on this right, especially considering it's the State that has licensed those individuals to carry a concealed handgun according to it's own standards of qualification? What makes the State's qualifications not applicable for public buildings vs. anywhere else? Please do not pass this bill.