

To: all decision makers of sb554

Please, I beg of you to dismiss this bill. It is very poorly written, confusing, dangerous, potentially deadly and will make felons out of law abiding citizens that only want to protect themselves, their families and others should the worst happen anywhere at any time.

It's a known fact that gun free zones are a soft target for evil to come and victimize innocent people with no way to combat or defend themselves from this evil. Criminals know they will meet no resistance from anyone and can violate people against their will however they see fit. This bill only punishes law abiding citizens. We all know criminals don't follow laws period.

Think about the domestic abuse victim or victims of a stalker that carry a legally permitted firearm for their own protection to keep themselves safe and alive daily. If this passes then what? Who will be held financially responsible should the worst happen because you took away their only means of defense.

With substantially increasing violent riots and protests in larger Oregon cities happening almost daily in some cases where innocent victims were assaulted and menaced by criminals with explosive devices, sticks, bats, rocks and many other weapons including firearms. These innocent people could just be going out for ice cream and make a turn and run into an angry mob. Then what? You a sitting duck with no means of making an escape or have anything to defend oneself with.

I also see an emergency clause has been added at the last minute to try and slam this through against the will of the people. If this is such a great piece of proposed legislation put it on the ballot and let the citizens decide. Let the chips fall where they may. I know why an emergency clause is added for the simple fact that you all know this won't have a chance of passing via the citizens of this state.

I also see the safe storage has been rolled into this as well at the last second. This is unenforceable at best. I agree as a responsible firearm owner that I keep mine locked up. Those that don't and if the worst happens should be dealt with in the criminal courts on a case by case basis.

I am incredibly disappointed in the law makers proposal of this bill and then to slide "stuff" in at the 11th hour hoping no one will notice is down right dishonest and works against the Spirit of the founders of this country.

Again I ask this bill to be dismissed on the points listed above

Sincerely
Lance Schiedler