

Opposition to SB554

I would like to take the time to oppose SB554. What it does is criminalize a group of gun owners who possess CHL's. This turns into a felon somebody who is currently permitted to carry their concealed firearm on school grounds, certain public buildings, and the non-secured side of the airport-individuals who take additional training, an additional background check, and to this date have never abused their CHL's by committing misconduct. Do we really want to turn into a felon somebody, say a parent who might be picking up, or dropping off their child at a school, or an individual dropping off or picking up a friend or family member at an airport?

From a public safety standpoint this bill is indefensible. This is because the individuals it targets pose absolutely no threat to the safety of the public, and this fact has been demonstrated in the 18+ years I've resided in the state. This is a spiteful bill by creating new definitions of a public building, a perversion of the state's pre-emption law to a group of gun owners not deserving of the contempt this proposed bill would bestow upon them.

If a member of the committee, or sponsor thinks my grounds for opposition are unreasonable, please call me on 503 501 9308, or the email address in this submission and explain why that is to me please. I strongly urge you to go one better by voting no on this outrageous bill.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Claxton