

Please vote NO on SB 554. This bill penalizes law-abiding concealed handgun permit holders who are the most responsible and safe gun owners in the state.

This bill will make me a FELON if I travel near an airport and have a firearm, even if I am a concealed handgun license holder.

There are no exceptions and I do NOT have to enter the terminal or even leave my car.

If I pick up a friend or family member and just drive near the terminal or parking lots I can be sent to prison. This is outrageous. Does my need for self-protection and my ability and duty to protect other innocent people end at some arbitrary geographical line?

This bill will also make me a FELON if I go near any loosely defined "public building" that has declared itself a self-defense free zone. How can I even keep track of or know about such a hodgepodge of legal and illegal zones for concealed carry? This bill is designed to entrap the unsuspecting concealed carry holder into inadvertently violating the law if he crosses the street into one of these "gun free zones" while traveling around town, and makes him a FELON for doing so. Both the law and the penalty attached to it are outrageous. It is designed to make law-abiding citizens into law-breakers. Why do you want to criminalize your best citizens?

This bill also doubles the cost of a concealed handgun license, penalizing the law-abiding citizen even further. By raising the cost, you are lowering the incentive for people to even get a concealed handgun license, and encouraging illegal carry. Is that the result you want? You should make it as easy to comply with the law as possible, not make it more expensive and difficult to do so.

As representatives you have taxpayer paid protection from the Oregon State Police. WE cannot afford that for ourselves, so we must carry to defend ourselves from criminals. Do not make us into criminals for doing so.

This law does nothing to make anyone safer, because criminals will ignore them, and commit violence in these zones knowing that no good person has the means to stop them. Gun free zones are slaughter zones, because they leave good people defenseless.

Vote NO on SB 554.