

Dear Hearing Committee,

I am writing a testimony because of The shortcomings of the "new and improved" remote hearing system where I can't testify in person and means that there will be very tight limits on who gets "allowed" to testify on the SB 554 bill.

SB 554 will make a citizen into a felon if they go near any loosely defined "public building" that has declared itself a self defense free zone. I am responsible for my own safety, especially since the fiery destruction of businesses (I am a small business owner in Portland), cities and rhetoric of defund/abolish police. I have personally gone to great lengths to comply with reasonable demands from state government concerning my gun rights, but this is preposterous. This makes a patch work of zones as a drive through Oregon, I am expected to reroute my journey to avoid imaginary land borders or know every district where there is a public building? Should I stop and lock up my CCL firearm at a safe house and pick it up later? Maybe have a government courier take it to my next destination so I don't drive past a sanctioned property? My illustration is to demonstrate that this is not only impossible to comply with, but the truth is to make it as complex to comply in order to discourage a citizen from practicing their civil rights.

Concealed Carry fee doubling? Why? Has the service changed in the decades it has been implemented? Why would or should I be taxed double for a right. No civil right is taxed now except for the Second Amendment. Doubling the price is egregious for poor, BIPOC and fixed income people to exercise their civil right.

Thank you for your time,