

SB 554 Authorizes city, county, metropolitan service district, port operating commercial airport, school district, college or university to adopt ordinance or policy limiting or precluding affirmative defense for possession of firearms in public building by concealed handgun licensees.

Violations are punished by a maximum of 5 yrs. imprisonment, \$125,000 or both. Increases fees payable to county sheriff for issuance and renewal of concealed handgun license.

Currently, Oregon law preempts stricter laws regarding firearms in public building cities, counties, etc. SB 554 will authorize public authorities to pass measures that would restrict this presence.

We remember that armed protesters broke into the Capitol, kicking and breaking the windows, spraying police with bear spray during the Legislature's third special session last year.

We remember that in 2015, an armed man stormed the campus of Umpqua Community College in Roseburg. He killed nine people. The public needs to feel safe in the Capitol, in county buildings, in college classrooms and in airports.

I urge you to pass SB554 out of committee.