

Testimony in opposition to SB 554

I believe this bill to be too far reaching in limiting the use of a concealed firearm permit. I have not heard of public space violence being perpetrated by concealed firearm permit holders. I have read of instances where the presence of a concealed firearm permit holder has eliminated or reduced the escalation of violence by other parties. Concealed permit holders undergo considerable scrutiny via the background check required in the application process and are not likely to be a threat to society if they have successfully met the requirements for the permit. This bill would seem to impose additional inconvenience on law abiding concealed permit holders while doing nothing to stop those with criminal intent.

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