

Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher.

My name is James Ferris. I have been an Oregon CHL holder since 2013.

I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554

This bill is a monstrosity. It is designed as a felony trap for law abiding CHL holders. There is no way that signs can be posted so that all CHL holders can possibly be aware of every place to which this bill applies. There is no point in promulgating this on web sites either as how would they know where they would possibly be going that precluded the carrying of a handgun. This bill is effectively killing licensed CHL holders from ever carrying in public as there is no way to predict where they might be going ahead of time.

This would lead to the situation where only criminals will have guns and no one else would be able to do anything about it. This would create a nightmare for all law abiding persons.

I respectfully advise the committee to kill this bill.

Thank you