

I am writing in support of SB 554 which would limit defense for possession of firearms in public buildings by concealed handgun licensees. Recent events in our State Capitol that have allowed citizens in possession of firearms to gain access to the building have been alarming. But even before recent events, the concern has been present. When guns, but not signs, have been permitted inside the Capitol, it presents a clear and present danger to legislators and visitors. This bill would allow our airports, schools and colleges to adopt policies preventing bringing guns onto these public grounds. The pandemic and financial collapse have worsened gun violence in the state and it is time to pass SB 554 to protect citizens in public spaces.

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