

SB 554 would basically eviscerate the 2nd amendment and the right of citizen's to self defense at the discretion of local authorities. The right to self defense does not end in public buildings. Citizens who possess concealed handguns are the least likely to commit violent acts and criminals will not be deterred from carrying weapons into public places since they are intent on committing a crime and the last thing they are worried about is being cited for carrying a gun into a public building. So called gun free zones are ripe for violent criminals to commit crimes since they know the public will be undefended in these zones. The proposed bill is illogical, will increase crime and violate the 2nd amendment rights of Oregonians.

I urge this bill to be rejected and voted down.

Sincerely,

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