

I strongly oppose SB554. Individuals who hold a concealed carry permit are required to have training and a background check. There are laws in place that restrict concealed carry in certain areas. These laws have been in place and have proved to be adequate. SB 554 would criminalize a concealed carry individual by imposing felony charges if they conceal carry in certain public areas. This bill targets individuals are no threat to the safety of the public or they would not have a concealed carry permit. How many gun crimes are committed each year by someone with a concealed carry permit? The criminals are always going to have guns. The criminals do not care if it is illegal to have the gun or carry the gun in certain public places. This bill impedes the rights of law abiding citizens to protect themselves, their families and in some cases the general public from such criminals. The right to own firearms is a natural, constitutional right. The constant 2nd Amendment attacks on law-abiding, responsible gun owners do nothing to stop the people that commit the very crimes you state you want to prevent. Instead this bill will make felons out of law abiding citizens. Please do not allow this bill to go to vote. This bill should be killed immediately!.