

Testimony in Favor of SB 554 by Judith Fardig

Chair Prozanski and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 554. My name is Judith Fardig and I live in HD36 in Portland. During the many decades I have lived in Oregon, I have come to the Capitol many times to advocate for passage of legislation I care about that I'm convinced will make Oregon a safer, healthier, more inclusive state. It has always struck me as extremely contradictory that I am not allowed to bring any placards or signs into the Capitol, but people with concealed carry permits can bring their guns into such a sensitive space. We are still in shock from seeing what an enraged mob did on January 6th by storming the U.S. Capitol and attempting to overturn a free and fair election certified by all 50 states. These deluded right-wing extremists have been incited to try similar tactics at various state capitols to oppose public health measures taken to control the spread of Covid-19. This must be prevented in Salem.

Please vote YES on SB 554