

Dear Senators Prozansky & Thatcher:

I am writing in opposition to proposed HB554. We have adequate restrictions regarding concealed carry on public property. We do not need to expand this definition.

However, the most concerning item in the bill relates to allowing an increase in fees for the concealed carry license. We don't need to increase the fee for several reasons. One, I just read that concealed carry applications have skyrocketed, almost 9% in Deschutes County alone. That will generate more fees and should take care of the problem. Second, why not allow an online application and renewal option? I submit that the process could be automated to the point where it would take very little money to manage the program. Also, why not charge the first-time applicant an "initiation fee" to help reduce the subsequent year's renewal fees? If a person is serious about the license, then make sure you get that commitment up front.

Thank You,

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