

I am writing in opposition to SB 554. Oregonians that legally carry handguns for self defense pose little to no risk to themselves or the general public, to this end we insist that they are trained and complete background checks. In contrast denying people effective means of self defense, and advertising places where such self defense is denied, creates a situation of enhanced risk. Those that choose to harm others know where it is safer for them to do so, it is no coincidence that "gun free zones" are so frequently the sites of horrific violence.

SB 554 unnecessarily endangers both those who would otherwise be able to protect themselves and the general public.

Thank you for your time.