

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to SB-554, for the following reasons:

1. It is a clear infringement of rights guaranteed by both the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions.
2. It will do nothing to make Oregonians safer. Licensed gun owners do not commit violent crimes--it just doesn't happen. This law will do nothing to keep criminals from obtaining and using firearms.
3. Because it will impair law-abiding citizens' ability to protect themselves, it will make Oregonians less safe.
4. By encouraging an inconsistent patchwork of local regulations this law will make it impossible for citizens to know where their license is valid and where it is not.

Voting for this legislation would constitute a violation of your oath of office to uphold and protect our Constitutions. Don't do it!

Sincerely,
John Barth