

I oppose SB 554 in its entirety! I do not own a gun. But in light of the egregious tolerance of mayhem in Portland and other cities, which Democrat leadership seems to find OK, and "peaceful", I'm considering the possibility. I am a very responsible, and law-abiding person. So, if I do decide to get a gun, I will get all the training for safe use that I can possibly get. I hope I don't have to take such action. But with cries, and actions in L.A. and elsewhere, to defund the police, along with outrageous gun-control bills like this one, I feel my only option for personal safety could end up being getting a gun and a concealed-carry permit. I've dated cops; they've told me I'd have little chance of saving myself with persuasive talk. Still, I've chosen not to have a gun. But more and more, crazies are killing helpless people in mass shootings. Cops can't be everywhere. I am thankful that many upright and thoughtful citizens are armed. Their right to do so under the Second Amendment protects me as well as themselves. You may recall an incident in a church that was quelled--in seconds--by someone 'carrying concealed'. I'm sure every person who was present that day is grateful they didn't live where legislators ignore the truth: We need the Second Amendment. Unadulterated. It is fundamental to our safety. And guaranteed by our Constitution. This bill should never have seen the light of day. Nor should the others presently on the docket. And increasing the costs of licensing is just malicious over-reach, penalizing honest citizens for no good reason (except to take money from me to spend on something--some pet project--that I would likely not approve, either. Criminals won't worry about a license! So, don't make it harder on us, the law-abiding who elected you to look out for us. Please reject this bill. If possible, make it so it never comes to the table again!