

SB 554 would allow a proliferation of laws and regulations across the state, in every locality and quasi governmental agency, with no requirement for consistency or rationality. That would make it difficult for any concealed carry licensee to know whether their carry license is legal in the spot where they are standing at any given moment. The potential for inadvertent violations is obvious.

Statistically, concealed carry licensees are among the most law abiding members of the population. There is no public safety benefit in excluding them from being armed in public places.

The confusing and inconsistent web of local requirements SB 554 would engender is most likely to ensnare the most law abiding of our citizens, while having no effect on actual dangerous individuals. This law is not directed against public safety threats. It is directed against the law abiding.

Our laws should protect us, not harm us.

For these reasons SB 554 should not advance out of this committee.

Thank you.