

What is the problem you are trying to solve with this bill? You are creating more laws for law abiding citizens at the same time as we are defunding police, releasing criminals without bail, emptying the prisons and allowing criminal illegal immigrants to come into and stay in this country. Violent crime is running wild. Is it people with concealed carry permits who are committing all the violent crime? I don't think so. When I took my concealed carry classes it was explained to me that the reason a person would want this license is that it makes it very clear and simple what the rules are if you have a concealed firearm on your body or in your vehicle. Carrying a firearm is an immense responsibility. For ease of understanding by all, the state license supercedes the rules of all of the local jurisdictions. I got a letter from the Washington County Sheriff when I got my license. This is what it said:

“For your information and safety, please remember that you must never carry a concealed weapon in a federal facility, secured areas of an airport, in a courthouse, courtroom, jury room, judges chambers, social security offices, national forests marked or posted by sign prohibiting all firearms, (this does not prohibit carrying firearms on federal lands (incident to hunting or other lawful purposes), designated wilderness areas (where a specific declaration has enacted a restriction or prohibition of firearms).

Also you must never carry on Indian Reservations or Indian property (without the written permission of the tribal judge. This may also apply to certain casinos that are on Indian land.) If you are apprehended with a gun on any of these premises your concealed handgun license will be seized and revoked and you may be arrested.”

That last line “If you are apprehended with a gun on any of these premises, your concealed handgun license will be seized and revoked and you may be arrested!” These are scary words for law abiding citizens coming from the sheriff. Under HB554 you could be imprisoned for a felony for something as simple as driving through a college campus, dropping someone off at the airport, driving through or hiking in an Oregon State University forest and a ton of other examples. This bill does not pass the common sense test. Meanwhile violent crime is raging in the streets Preserve the rights of law abiding citizens to protect themselves!!

I would suggest that all members of this committee go take a CHL class before making decisions on this very important topic. You might just learn something!!!!