

Mr. Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Lori Martin and I reside in Hillsboro, Oregon. I oppose SB554 as it violates Oregon Constitution Second amendment section 27 of article 1. And 2016 there were 19 convictions of those who held CCL that is .0074% of the population. The FBI has documented that 3.2% active shooter events were stopped by those who held CC license. I have a concealed carry license myself. I have gone through extensive training and have been fully vested by Washington county to obtain this license. by being dusted that means that I have taken at least one course and in my instance I've taken three, I don't have a felony, no mental health issues, I have not been convicted of using any controlled substance, and I have been criminally investigated as well. I have also been fingerprinted and my picture has been taken and I have been issued the license to carry this weapon. If I violate certain law I will have that license revoked indefinitely. I also have to change my address and if I don't then I can lose my license as well.

In the meeting this morning I heard people talking about feeling safe at this point in our history I don't feel safe I don't feel safe to go anywhere without my weapon. I don't know if someone's going to pull a gun and start shooting no matter where I go. I find it incomprehensible that it would be against the law for me to go through traffic at the airport and commit a felony by having my concealed weapon with me. I can't imagine going from one district to another and not knowing whether I have committed a crime just by crossing the border. I believe this bill is not in the best interest of the Oregonians and those who have a carry concealed license because most of us who do have one are very conscientious about the responsibility of that license and how to handle a gun we do not take it lightly.

Thank you,
Lorelei Martin