

I strongly oppose SB-554, this bill will do nothing but place the most statistically law abiding citizens of our state unknowingly at risk of committing a felony. Exercising my right to bear arms to protect myself comes with enough regulation. Carrying a concealed firearm for the purposes of self defense requires constant education of the ever changing laws to prevent making yourself a criminal. Individuals whom are qualified and possess an Oregon CHL should not have to fear serious penalties for mistakenly carrying a firearm into a prohibited area. This bill would allow sweeping areas to become prohibited areas, areas which are not clearly defined. One mistake could land myself or my fellow Oregonians in prison. SB-554 is not about public safety, it's about the removal of our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. SB-554 will turn 300,000 citizens of Oregon into potential felons. In no way does this bill prevent crime or increase public safety.