

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 1548

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & CIVIL JURISPRUDENCE

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This is an excellent bill. No one can know the intention of another. What should be added is if the business prohibits the lawful carry of handguns, the business takes responsibility for the safety of the customers.

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I am FOR HB1548. Businesses should not be liable for actions taken by LTC people on their premises.

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I wish to testify FOR HB 1548. Society's best defense against criminals using a gun to harm people is to have law-abiding citizens also armed to immediately stop would be murderers. At the West Freeway Church of Christ, an armed parishioner was able to stop a "would be mass murder" within 6 seconds as the intruder pull out a gun and began shooting people. If the armed parishioner had not been allowed to have his side arm, far more people would have died that day. With almost all mass shooters, they do not want to die and will avoid places where armed citizens are allowed to be. If this is what is best for society, then we want to encourage all businesses to allowed LTC people into their establishment and not be worried that somehow their business might be liable for what happens.

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No business should be held responsible for the actions of its customers. So this bill is perfectly in order. What should be added is that any business that chooses to limit the ability of its customers to carry a handgun for self protection, unless required by state law, becomes responsible for the safety of those customers from the time they leave their method of transportation until they return to it.

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With the possibility of a constitutional carry bill becoming law, I recommend removing the reference to "licenses" in this bill. Allowing "lawful carry" will not change the impact of the bill if the constitutional carry does not become law and it will prevent

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confusion for the next 2 years if constitutional carry does remove the requirement for a LTC.