

NO ON HB 4145

Members of the committee,

I urge you to vote no on HB 4145. Expanding the number of people whose rights can be taken without due process is not an answer. HB 4145 does nothing to help any victim of domestic violence, it simply expands the possibility for someone to falsely accuse without recourse. Shane Morgan of Bend was subject to such false accusations. When he proved himself innocent and proved the accuser was lying, the accuser was not held accountable in any way. The DA said he did not want to "discourage" people from coming forward with these kinds of allegations. Note that Shane had to prove himself innocent. Whatever happened to "presumed to be innocent until proven guilty"?

The answer is not to blame guns, but to blame and hold accountable those who break existing laws. More laws will not stop criminals from breaking them. More restrictive laws only punish the law abiding!!

Respectfully,

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