

Danita Harris
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Re: Oppose SB 348 -1
3/27/2023

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee,

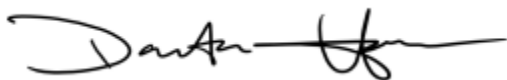
My name is Danita Harris; I am a small business owner and community advocate residing in Salem, Oregon. In addition to that, I identify as a Black gender non-binary queer; I own firearms and fancy myself a mild enthusiast. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn gun safety and responsibility throughout my life.

SB 378 -1 attempts to address some of the issues found in measure 114. However, it falls short significantly and needs to include the direction provided in HB 3511, specifically moving the permitting process to the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services. This move will centralize permitting and reduce unnecessary interactions with police which ultimately protects their limited capacity, making compliance easier for Oregonians, and will save MILLIONS in taxpayer dollars.

While I understand that no agency wants to house this permitting process and to implement M114 successfully, additional hiring may be necessary regardless of where this process resides. The fact remains the only space this makes sense to house is the DMV. The agency already communicates across agencies, including ODHS, DOJ, and DOR. Furthermore, it allows for a streamlined process that allows Oregonians to successfully use regardless of where they reside or where they may be in the future. If this were to be housed, county-specific Oregonians moving from one county to another would be met with different processes that may result in unnecessary confusion. The lack of centralization could result in someone being out of compliance without knowing so and experiencing punitive actions that could be avoided.

For the above reasons, please consider incorporating HB 3511 into your proposal to fix Measure 114. Without this, the Measure 114 "fix" is incomplete and does not meet the needs of our community.

Thank you,

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