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Testimony in Support of HB 3075: Measure 114 Firearm Permit Provisions

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Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Wallen & Chotzen, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

For the record, my name is Lisa Reynolds, and I am a state senator representing West Portland, Cathedral Park, and Northeast Washington County. I also work as a pediatrician serving children and families in my district and beyond.

Following the **federal decision that found Measure 114 constitutional in the summer of 2023**, my office began a workgroup to understand what was needed to implement it properly. I want to reinforce and reiterate to you all that the voters brought Measure 114; they made a law. It has been held up by courts at the state and federal level. As such, the legislature must support an effective implementation process.

This conversation is about what the legislature can and should do to ensure that the voter's will is honored. As such, my office convened the Oregon State Police, the Sheriff's Association, and the OR Department of Justice. Our group brought forward key questions, some of which the amendments in this legislation HB 3075 work to address:

- What resources or technical changes do state law enforcement need to issue permits? In particular, what is needed to move to this more effective and reliable form of background checks, which requires fingerprinting?
- How do we ensure individual privacy is protected in the permitting process?
- Who can qualify as a firearm safety instructor, and how will this process work?
- How can we make it easier for individuals in large rural counties to apply for a permit/reduce any burdens to applying for a permit?
- What data needs to be collected to ensure equitable implementation?
- Historically, OSP has had a backlog for background checks, which they have done an impressive job of improving over the past year. What additional resources does OSP need to increase the return time for background checks?
- Information and how to ensure the public receives proper information on permitting once Measure 114 is in effect

Consistently, we heard from the Sheriff's Association and the Oregon State Police that their teams were working hard to be ready to implement Measure 114. In fact, one officer won an award from their team for their early efforts to support implementation.

My office recommends the Firearm Suicide Prevention and Community Safety Taskforce continue these discussions as a part of the task force, in particular, reviewing at the start of implementation or one year out a plan to ensure equitable implementation for all areas and individuals across the state.

Today, you'll hear details of these amendments and intent. Again, this law was brought forward by the voters, is settled law, and will soon be implemented.

Our goal today with HB 3076 is to make the permitting process effective and reliable for both our Oregon State Police as well as individual Oregonians.