

Opposition Testimony on HB 3075

Dear Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am Greg Fishback, owner and operator of the Defensive Arts Center, LLC, in Beaverton, Oregon. As a certified firearms and defensive tactics instructor, I strongly oppose HB 3075 due to its vague and impractical attempt to implement a permit-to-purchase system. This bill introduces an unclear and unfunded process that will create unnecessary delays and barriers for law-abiding Oregonians seeking to exercise their constitutional rights.

Why HB 3075 Must Be Rejected:

- **No Clear Plan for the Permit-to-Purchase Process**

The bill mandates that Oregonians obtain a permit before purchasing a firearm but fails to outline a functional system to make that possible. Law enforcement agencies have no defined role, no established protocol, and no operational infrastructure in place to issue these permits. It is irresponsible to enforce a law without a clear method for compliance.
- **No Funding to Implement or Administer Permits**

HB 3075 imposes a significant administrative burden on local agencies without allocating funding to support it. Law enforcement agencies, already stretched thin, will be forced to divert resources away from critical public safety duties to handle an unfunded and unnecessary permitting process. This will lead to delays, denials, and a bureaucratic mess that effectively blocks lawful firearm purchases.
- **Intentional Delays and Financial Barriers**

The bill extends the permit processing period from 30 to 60 days with no justification—effectively creating a prolonged waiting period that could stretch even longer due to a lack of resources. On top of that, it raises permit application fees up to \$150 for new applicants and \$110 for renewals, turning firearm ownership into a privilege for those who can afford the added financial burden. These delays and excessive fees are not about public safety; they are about discouraging lawful gun ownership.
- **No Accountability for Permit Issuance**

There are no safeguards to ensure agencies process permits fairly or efficiently. If an applicant is wrongfully denied or endlessly delayed, there is no meaningful recourse. This bill grants the government unchecked authority to stall or deny firearm purchases at will, with no clear oversight.
- **Creates a Backdoor Firearms Registry**

Requiring permits to purchase firearms establishes a government database of gun owners, which could be misused for future restrictions or confiscations. Oregon has no legitimate reason to track lawful firearm owners in this manner, and HB 3075 lays the

groundwork for future overreach.

HB 3075 is Unworkable and Unnecessary

This bill does not provide a practical or funded system for issuing permits, yet it imposes significant barriers on law-abiding citizens seeking to purchase firearms. Without a clear implementation plan, sufficient resources, or proper safeguards, HB 3075 will create confusion, delays, and an unfair permitting process that does more to hinder responsible gun ownership than to enhance public safety.

For these reasons, I urge you to **reject HB 3075 entirely**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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