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****Statement Opposing HB 3075****

I strongly oppose HB 3075, as it imposes unnecessary financial and administrative burdens on law-abiding citizens while failing to effectively enhance public safety. This bill seeks to increase firearm permit fees from \$65 to \$150 and extend the approval period from 30 to 60 days. These changes disproportionately impact low-income individuals, creating an economic barrier to exercising Second Amendment rights. Public safety should not be dependent on one's financial status.

The extended waiting period also raises concerns. Law-abiding citizens who follow legal channels to obtain a firearm should not face unnecessary delays, especially when criminals bypass these processes entirely. This bill does not address crime prevention but rather hinders responsible individuals from exercising their constitutional rights in a timely manner.

Furthermore, HB 3075 restricts legal challenges exclusively to the Circuit Court for Marion County. This limits citizens' ability to seek judicial relief and centralizes power in a way that undermines fairness and accessibility. Every Oregonian should have equal access to the courts without unnecessary restrictions on where they can challenge legislation.

Additionally, HB 3075 attempts to modify Ballot Measure 114, which is currently facing constitutional challenges. Moving forward with legislative changes before these legal issues are resolved is premature and may lead to further complications in Oregon's firearm laws. Rather than rushing forward with this bill, lawmakers should wait until the courts determine the constitutionality of existing laws before adding new burdens to citizens.

Finally, the bill's emergency clause is concerning, as it limits public input and transparency. Declaring an emergency on such a significant issue prevents meaningful debate and denies Oregonians the opportunity to fully participate in shaping firearm policy. This approach undermines democratic principles and erodes trust in the legislative process.

For these reasons, I strongly urge lawmakers to reject HB 3075. Instead of restricting rights and placing unnecessary burdens on responsible gun owners, Oregon should focus on enforcing existing laws and addressing the root causes of violent crime. The

state must ensure that policies are fair, effective, and uphold the constitutional rights of all citizens.