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I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB 3075, as I was opposed to Measure 114 and voted against it, because it is a clear violation of the Second Amendment of the US Constitution. I was a law enforcement officer for almost thirty years and spent a large portion of that time teaching other officers how to use firearms. I also taught private citizens and continue to teach private citizens how to use firearms and firearm safety. As a law enforcement officer, I was never in fear of citizens who legally owned firearms as I found them to be the most law abiding.

The requirement for a permit to purchase a firearm, paying for it and requiring a class creates many problems. The fact that classes are not ready to go on day one if HB 3075 becomes law, nor do any of the Law Enforcement Agencies have the resources or the required systems set in place to comply with HB 3075, means that it would be impossible for permits to even be applied for, much less issued. Essentially this would suspend the Second Amendment in Oregon, as a right denied is a right infringed. Then adding the cost of permitting which adds more of a burden to those that have less disposable income, individuals most would consider the working poor. Does someone who makes less money have less of a right to own a firearm, protect themselves or exercise their Second Amendment Right?

Requiring a citizen to apply for a permit to exercise a Constitutional Right, and requiring a fee for that permit, has already been shown to be unconstitutional. Imagine, to exercise your right to free speech, requiring citizens to pay to take a class and apply for a permit to write an article or publish a book or similar requirements for other First Amendment Rights.

The ten round magazine restriction is also a problem. First, magazines are designed by engineers to work in firearms and to be taken apart for cleaning and maintenance by the end user. This is required to allow the firearms and magazines to work as they are designed. The reality is that someone with enough time and skill with tools could alter a magazine to have more capacity. Limiting capacity will do nothing to burden or hinder a criminal but will burden a law-abiding citizen. Criminals do not follow laws, no matter the number of laws passed. The other problem is back dating to December 8, 2022, I believe is illegal. That would make a previously legally purchased and owned item, illegal.

Essentially this law does nothing but burden law-abiding citizens with regulations making it more difficult to exercise their Second Amendment Rights. Criminals will not pay attention as it will not affect them, they do not follow laws. This is simply punishing law-abiding citizens for what a small percentage of the population chooses

to do with an inanimate object, similar to choosing to drive a car while intoxicated.