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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 3075, which proposes significant changes to Oregon's firearm permit and transfer process. While I understand the intent behind firearm regulation, this bill imposes unnecessary burdens on law-abiding citizens while failing to effectively address criminal misuse of firearms.

Concerns with HB 3075:

1. Increased Costs and Bureaucratic Burdens on Law-Abiding Citizens
 - Raising the maximum permit fee from \$65 to \$150 and renewal fees from \$50 to \$110 disproportionately impacts low-income Oregonians, making the exercise of a constitutional right contingent on financial means.
 - Extending the permit processing time from 30 to 60 days creates unnecessary delays for law-abiding gun owners while criminals bypass legal channels entirely.
2. Expanded Database and Privacy Risks
 - The bill mandates a searchable permit database, increasing concerns about privacy and potential government overreach. Despite assurances of confidentiality, centralized databases create cybersecurity risks and potential misuse.
 - Personal firearm ownership data should not be subject to unnecessary tracking by the government.
3. No Clear Impact on Crime Reduction
 - Criminals do not follow permitting laws, and there is no evidence that additional bureaucratic hurdles deter violent crime. Instead, HB 3075 disproportionately affects responsible gun owners while doing little to address illegal firearm possession.
 - Oregon already has extensive background checks and permitting processes; further restrictions only serve to discourage law-abiding citizens from exercising their Second Amendment rights.
4. Burden on Law Enforcement Resources
 - Requiring additional fingerprinting, expanded background checks, and database maintenance will divert law enforcement resources away from addressing actual criminal activity.
 - These administrative burdens do not improve public safety but instead create more red tape and delay for those who follow the law.

Conclusion

House Bill 3075 does not enhance public safety but rather imposes excessive costs, delays, and privacy risks on responsible gun owners. Oregon should focus on enforcing existing laws rather than creating more regulatory barriers for law-abiding citizens. I urge you to vote NO on HB 3075 and prioritize policies that target actual criminal activity rather than placing undue burdens on responsible firearm owners.

Thank you for your time and consideration.