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HB 3075 and Oregon Measure 114 are inherently unconstitutional and are poorly worded and designed to inhibit law abiding citizens from getting the protection they need. The fee required to purchase a permit to purchase a firearm negatively impacts single mothers and POC. Lower income households who may desperately need a firearm for protection for themselves and their loved ones, may be unable to pay for the licensing requirements for the permit in addition to the cost of the firearm itself. As a father commissioned with protecting my family I take comfort knowing my wife may be able to protect herself when police are not around as we are well aware of the high crime that exists against women. This bill will unconstitutionally take this right away from many by the mere addition of cost and by added steps that are not even in place at this time. By adding these additional fees and steps to be able to obtain this personal protection you are only going to allow the wealthiest people to exercise this right. Backdating the law is an example of “ex post facto” and is illegal. Making this law only challengeable in Marion County puts increased hardships on citizens living in eastern and southern Oregon, nullifying their voices. The state spent 50 million dollars on this bill in 2022, and there is no telling how much more has been spent on this bill by now. These are tax payer dollars that could’ve been used elsewhere. Putting the burden of issuing permits on the sheriff, who has said they don’t have the resources to handle permitting, will inevitably cause a period of time where citizens will be unable to purchase firearms, thereby violating their Oregon constitutional rights, as well as their federal 2nd Amendment right. If that is the case, I, and all my family members will be suing the sheriffs department on day 1 of implementation of this bill, and listing all members of LEVO as co plaintiffs.