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### Testimony Against Oregon HB 3075

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Good afternoon, members of the House Judiciary Committee. My name is Russ, and I'm an Oregon resident and Veteran speaking today to urge you to vote no on HB 3075. This bill, while framed as a public safety measure, overcomplicates an already burdensome process, infringes on individual rights, and fails to address the root causes of gun violence.

First, let's talk about the permitting process. Extending the background check window from 30 to 60 days doesn't make us safer—it just punishes law-abiding citizens. If someone passes a background check, they should be able to exercise their constitutional rights without arbitrary delays. And if they don't pass, the system should already catch that. Doubling the wait time only creates frustration, not solutions. Add to that the increased fees—more money out of our pockets for a right we're already entitled to—and it starts feeling like a tax on freedom.

The emergency clause is another red flag. Declaring this an "emergency" to ram it through without proper debate or public input undermines trust in this process. Why the rush? Ballot Measure 114, which this builds on, is still tangled in legal challenges—challenges that show how divisive and flawed these policies are. HB 3075 doubles down before the courts even settle the dust. That's not leadership; it's recklessness.

I also worry about the exemptions and delays—like pushing the permit requirement for transfers to 2026 or giving exceptions to law enforcement and military. If this is about safety, why carve out special rules for some and not others? It suggests the bill's own backers don't fully believe in its logic. And tweaking the large-capacity magazine rules? That just muddies the water further, leaving regular folks unsure of what's legal and what's not.

Look, I get it—gun violence is real. But piling on more red tape for people who follow the law doesn't stop criminals who, by definition, ignore it. We need enforcement of existing laws, not new hoops for the rest of us to jump through. HB 3075 won't make our streets safer; it'll just make it harder for honest Oregonians to protect themselves and their families.

Please, reject this bill. Focus on what works—targeting illegal activity, not lawful rights. Thank you for your time.