

I am writing to respectfully urge you to vote NO on House Bill 3075 (HB 3075), a measure that modifies the firearm permit provisions of Ballot Measure 114 (2022). While I support efforts to enhance public safety, I believe this bill introduces significant constitutional, practical, and equity concerns that outweigh its intended benefits. As a concerned Oregonian, I ask you to consider the following issues and oppose this legislation.

First, HB 3075 grants law enforcement excessive discretion in determining who qualifies for a firearm purchase permit. By allowing subjective judgments about an applicant's potential danger to themselves or others, the bill risks inconsistent and potentially discriminatory application. Historical data from other states with similar discretionary permitting systems shows that such policies often disproportionately deny permits to communities of color and lower-income individuals, even when they meet legal standards. This undermines equal protection under the law and erodes trust in our justice system.

Second, the bill imposes significant financial barriers to exercising a constitutional right. With permit fees rising to as much as \$150—plus additional costs for renewals, background checks, and mandatory training—HB 3075 effectively prices out many working-class Oregonians. The Second Amendment does not discriminate based on income, and neither should our laws. These costs will disproportionately burden marginalized communities, creating an inequitable system where only the affluent can fully exercise their rights.

Third, the retroactive criminalization of large-capacity magazines legally purchased between December 8, 2022, and the bill's passage raises serious legal and ethical questions. Both the U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 10) and the Oregon Constitution (Article I, Section 21) prohibit ex post facto laws that punish actions lawful at the time they were taken. Turning law-abiding citizens into criminals overnight is unjust and likely unconstitutional, inviting costly legal challenges that waste taxpayer resources.

Finally, HB 3075's provision requiring legal challenges to be filed exclusively in the Circuit Court for Marion County restricts access to justice. This limitation could overburden a single court, delay rulings, and disadvantage Oregonians living far from Salem, further tilting the scales against those with fewer resources. If the state is confident in the bill's legality, it should withstand scrutiny in any court, not just one chosen by its proponents.

I urge you to reject HB 3075 and instead pursue policies that enhance public safety without infringing on constitutional rights or reinforcing systemic inequities. Oregonians deserve laws that are fair, transparent, and respectful of our shared values. Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust you will represent the best interests of your constituents by opposing this measure.