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Oregon House Bill 3075 (HB3075) is yet another attempt to chip away at gun rights under the excuse of public safety. This bill builds on the already controversial Ballot Measure 114, which barely passed and is still tied up in court. Instead of fixing its flaws, HB3075 doubles down on bad policies, making life harder for responsible gun owners while doing nothing to address actual violence. It's government overreach at its worst and should be rejected.

First off, HB3075 is a direct hit on Second Amendment rights. It extends the potential waiting period for gun permits from 30 to 60 days and doubles the fees—essentially making it harder and more expensive to exercise a constitutional right. The Supreme Court has made it clear that the right to bear arms isn't up for debate, yet this bill treats it like a privilege you have to jump through hoops for. And for people in rural areas or those facing real safety concerns, these delays could mean the difference between protection and vulnerability. To make things worse, the bill includes an emergency clause, so it would go into effect immediately, shutting down public input and bypassing ongoing legal challenges to Measure 114.

Then there's the financial side of things. HB3075 makes it even harder for low-income Oregonians to legally own firearms. Higher fees and longer wait times create a system where only the wealthy can afford to go through the process, while others are effectively shut out. It's ironic—supporters of the bill claim to care about equity, yet they're making it harder for marginalized communities to exercise their rights.

And let's talk about effectiveness—or lack thereof. The idea that this bill will reduce gun violence is wishful thinking. Criminals don't follow permit laws, and Oregon's current background check system already screens out prohibited buyers. Instead of tackling real issues like mental health, enforcement gaps, or illegal gun trafficking, HB3075 just piles on more rules for law-abiding citizens. It does nothing to stop crime but makes it harder for responsible people to defend themselves.

Finally, this bill is a blatant attempt to bypass the courts. Measure 114 was already blocked by a judge due to serious constitutional concerns, but instead of addressing those issues, lawmakers are trying to change the rules to force it through anyway. That's not how democracy is supposed to work. It's a power grab, plain and simple.

At the end of the day, Oregonians deserve policies that actually make sense—ones that respect their rights, treat everyone fairly, and actually address the root causes of violence. HB3075 does none of that. It's unconstitutional, unfair, and completely

ineffective. Lawmakers should scrap it and focus on real solutions that protect people without trampling on their rights.