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As an Oregon-based firearm business, we strongly oppose HB 3075 due to its harmful impact on both our operations and the law-abiding citizens we serve. This bill, which modifies firearm permit regulations from Ballot Measure 114, doubles permit fees and extends processing times from 30 to 60 days—creating unnecessary barriers that disproportionately affect low-income individuals while adding more bureaucracy to an already strained system.

For businesses like ours, HB 3075 means fewer customers able to complete purchases, decreased sales, and additional strain on an industry already facing excessive regulation. The extended wait times and higher fees will discourage responsible gun ownership, directly affecting revenue for firearm retailers, training facilities, and manufacturers across the state. Moreover, with no fiscal impact statement, there's no transparency on how much this will cost taxpayers or businesses, yet we can expect increased administrative expenses and additional burdens on the Oregon State Police—costs that could translate into even higher fees and further inefficiencies.

Most concerning is how HB 3075 restricts firearm ownership for those who may need it most. By drastically increasing permit costs and extending processing times, the bill disproportionately impacts low-income individuals—many of whom live in high-crime areas or cannot afford private security measures. The right to self-defense should not be reserved for the wealthy. This bill effectively prices out responsible gun ownership for working-class Oregonians, leaving them more vulnerable while doing nothing to enhance public safety.

HB 3075 isn't about safety—it's about making firearm ownership inaccessible through financial and bureaucratic pressure as well as shutting down businesses who employ citizens of Oregon. The State of Oregon needs fair, transparent policies that support responsible gun ownership without crushing local businesses and restricting rights based on income.