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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

HB 4145 overrides the will of Oregon voters and opens the door to more draconian gun control on law-abiding citizens.

While supporters claim HB 4145 merely implements the voter-approved ballot measure, it goes far beyond what voters actually approved by making several significant changes:

Doubles the permit processing time, extending it from 30 days to 60 days, allowing state bureaucrats to delay the lawful purchase of a firearm even longer.

Raises the permit fee by more than 130%, increasing the cost from \$65 to \$150—an obvious attempt to discourage or effectively block lawful gun ownership through financial barriers.

Creates carve-outs for on- and off-duty law enforcement, exempting them from both the permit requirement and magazine capacity limits, while holding ordinary citizens to stricter standards.

Delays implementation until January 2028, a tacit admission that the state is unprepared to administer the very permitting system it is mandating.

HB 4145 is not a faithful execution of the voters' decision. It is a legislative rewrite that imposes new restrictions, higher costs, and unequal treatment—none of which were approved by Oregon voters.