

Submitter:

Eric Griffin

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

Chair and members of the House Judiciary Committee: My name is Eric Griffin, and I live in Oregon. I am strongly opposed to HB 4145. This bill tries to fix parts of Ballot Measure 114, but it still requires a government permit to buy a firearm and puts limits on how many rounds a magazine can hold. These rules are unconstitutional. Under the Second Amendment, I have the right to keep and bear arms. I do not need a permit from the government to own or buy any legal firearm. All firearms that are legal under federal law should stay legal in Oregon—no extra state permission required. I also do not need anyone's approval to have a magazine with as many rounds as I want for lawful use, like self-defense. Magazine limits have no place in our Constitution. HB 4145 makes things worse by: Delaying the permit requirement until 2028 while calling it an "emergency."

Letting bureaucrats take up to 60 days to process a permit.

Raising the fee from \$65 to \$150, which is a big barrier for many people.

Giving exemptions to active, retired, and off-duty law enforcement (including probation and parole officers) so they don't need permits or follow magazine rules. This creates unfair rules—one set for regular citizens, another for a special group.

There should be no permitting or fees whatsoever for law-abiding people. No government should tell free citizens they need permission or have to pay to exercise a basic right. Please vote "do not pass" on HB 4145. Do not support any bill that keeps or adds these unconstitutional requirements. Thank you for reading this. Sincerely,  
Eric Griffin