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While presented as a technical fix, HB 4145 expands and entrenches a permit-to-purchase system that imposes significant burdens on the lawful exercise of a constitutional right.

Extending permit processing timelines to up to 60 days effectively delays access to firearms for law-abiding citizens, including those seeking firearms for personal safety. Constitutional rights should not be subject to prolonged administrative delays.

The increased permit fees proposed in this bill raise serious equity concerns. Higher costs disproportionately impact lower-income Oregonians, rural residents, and working families, turning a fundamental right into one that is easier to exercise for those with greater financial means.

HB 4145 also creates unequal treatment under the law by carving out exemptions for active and retired law enforcement officers. Once retired, officers are private citizens, and constitutional rights should not depend on prior employment. These exemptions establish a two-tiered system of rights that undermines public trust.

Finally, permit-to-purchase systems primarily burden lawful gun owners while doing little to deter criminal activity. Individuals intent on committing crimes do not apply for permits, meaning the bill adds bureaucracy without addressing the root causes of gun violence.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose HB 4145.