

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

I am writing to provide testimony to the House Committee on the Judiciary in opposition to this bill.

I believe this bill and the initiative petition it is modifying are bad for Oregon and for Oregonians. The bill creates separate classes of Oregonians, distinguishing retired law enforcement from ordinary citizens, exempting them from all the requirements of the bill. I disagree with the premise of the restrictions in the bill and would argue that the legislature should be seeking to remove the onerous and unconstitutional restrictions that the original measure 114 implemented, not trying to modify them to increase their burden on Oregonians.

Increasing fees, lengthening timelines, excepting some citizens while maintaining the burden on others, these all deny rights to Oregonians that are inherent and to be protected by the legislator, not denied because of fear.

I encourage the Committee to vote to reject this bill as being unconstitutional and to encourage legislators to make a full repeal of measure 114, HB2005 and SB243, all of which commit the same error of denying rights endowed to Oregonians by their Creator and to be protected by the legislature to assuage the fears of a vocal few.