

Submitter:

Jered Reid

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jered, a registered voter and responsible firearm owner from Milwaukie, Oregon that supports our constitutional rights. I am writing to very strongly oppose House Bill 4145 as it is NOT Constitutional!

Ballot Measure 114 was narrowly passed by voters in 2022, but its implementation has been delayed by legal challenges. HB 4145 attempts to legislatively enact parts of that measure while introducing changes that voters never approved and that place undue burdens on law-abiding citizens.

Specifically, I am concerned about:

- Doubling the permit issuance timeline from 30 days to 60 days. This extended delay could prevent Oregonians from exercising their Second Amendment rights in a timely manner, especially in situations where personal protection is needed urgently.
- Increasing the permit fee by over 130% (from \$65 to \$150). This creates a financial barrier that disproportionately affects lower-income residents who seek to lawfully purchase firearms for self-defense, hunting, or sport.
- Exemptions for active and retired law enforcement (including probation officers) from restrictions like the magazine capacity limit. If standard-capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) are deemed too dangerous for ordinary citizens to own, why are they acceptable for retired officers who no longer serve in an official capacity? This creates a two-tiered system of rights, where one class of citizens receives special privileges.

These changes override aspects of what voters approved and add restrictions and inequalities not contemplated in Measure 114. They make lawful firearm ownership more difficult and expensive without meaningfully enhancing public safety.

I respectfully urge the Committee to oppose HB 4145 or amend it to remove the fee increase, shorten the processing time back to 30 days (or less), and eliminate special exemptions that undermine equal protection under the law.

Thank you for considering my testimony and for your service to Oregonians.

Sincerely, Jered