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I am strongly opposed to HB4145 because it is unconstitutional and it will have no impact on reducing crimes involving firearms.

Requiring a permit costing \$150 to exercise a Constitutional right is abhorrent. When a person already has a concealed carry permit, they have already met these requirements so the purpose of an additional permit is to add cost and difficulty to purchasing a firearm. That former law enforcement and probations officers are exempt from needing this permit is the height of hypocrisy. Studies have shown that those with concealed carry permits are more law abiding than law enforcement officers. Why should these people get special privilege as compared to other citizens? See:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/6128>

The limit on magazine capacity to 10 rounds has already been found unconstitutional by several courts and will result in lawsuits against the state of Oregon. Like many other firearm owners I have talked to, we will not obey this law.

What will be the cost to local law enforcement offices to administer the permit process? Would not the time and money needed for this be better used to increase staffing levels of officers and deputies, as well as providing more training for them?

While I am submitting written testimony, I have no expectation that my opposition to this legislation will have any impact on legislators who will be voting on this bill as they have already done what they can to limit people the opportunity to testify on this bill.