

Submitter: Steven Dieckhoff

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

My name is Steven, and I am writing to formally oppose HB 4145 due to serious constitutional concerns.

As written, HB 4145 appears to conflict with constitutional protections by exceeding the proper scope of state authority and infringing upon fundamental rights. Legislation that restricts lawful activity or imposes penalties without clear constitutional grounding risks violating due process and established limits on government power.

The Oregon Legislature has an obligation to ensure that any law it advances complies fully with both the Oregon Constitution and the United States Constitution. HB 4145 fails to meet that standard. Passing legislation that is vulnerable to constitutional challenge not only undermines public trust, but also exposes the state to costly litigation and legal uncertainty.

Policy goals, no matter how well-intended, do not justify laws that conflict with constitutional principles. If enacted, HB 4145 would likely face immediate legal challenges, delaying implementation and diverting public resources away from more effective and lawful solutions.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 4145 and to refrain from advancing legislation that raises substantial constitutional concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Steven