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Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding HB 4145. I respectfully urge you to oppose this bill. While presented as a technical update to Measure 114, HB 4145 fundamentally undermines the 2nd Amendment by expanding and prolonging a deeply flawed regulatory structure that remains unworkable, inequitable, and UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

1. HB 4145 preserves an unconstitutional system the state has already demonstrated it cannot implement

HB 4145 delays the permit-to-purchase system until 2028, more than five years after the unconstitutional Measure 114 passed. This delay is not a refinement—it is an admission that the system is not operationally viable. If Oregon cannot implement the framework after half a decade, the appropriate legislative response is repeal not postponement. HB 4145 keeps the architecture intact while acknowledging it cannot function.

2. The bill increases financial and administrative burdens on lawful citizens

HB 4145 raises the permit fee from \$65 to \$150, a 130% increase, and extends the processing window from 30 to 60 days. These changes disproportionately impact:

- Oregonians of Color / Minorities
- Low-income Oregonians
- Rural residents with limited access to issuing authorities
- First-time firearm owners
- Individuals seeking timely access for personal protection

A constitutional right cannot hinge on a months-long bureaucratic process and a sharply increased fee.

3. HB 4145 creates unequal classes of Oregonians

The bill exempts active, off-duty, and retired law enforcement, parole, probation, and peace officers from the permit-to-purchase requirement and from magazine restrictions. This creates two distinct classes of citizens:

- Those who retain full access to arms
- Those who must navigate a costly, delayed, and unconstitutional permitting system

Equal protection principles demand that rights not depend on employment status or government affiliation.

4. HB 4145 does not address criminal misuse of firearms

The bill focuses exclusively on individuals who already comply with Oregon's background checks and legal requirements. It does not meaningfully address:

- Violent offenders
- Illegal arms trafficking
- Criminal misuse of firearms
- Enforcement gaps in existing law

Public safety is not improved by imposing additional burdens on those who are already following the law.

5. HB 4145 expands Measure 114 rather than correcting its structural defects. Instead of addressing the constitutional and practical problems identified by courts, sheriffs, and issuing agencies, HB 4145:

- Raises fees
- Extends delays
- Adds exemptions for select groups
- Leaves the core unworkable system intact

This approach does not solve the underlying issues; it merely postpones them.

Conclusion

HB 4145 does not improve public safety, does not fix the deficiencies of Measure 114, and does not respect the rights of ordinary Oregonians. It increases costs, delays lawful access, and creates unequal classes of citizens while preserving a system the state has already shown it cannot implement.

HB 4145 is UNCONSTITUTIONAL and RACIST. Anyone who supports this bill is supporting tyranny and is a traitor to The Constitution.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to vote NO on HB 4145.