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This bill doubles the time you must wait to receive a “permit” to attempt to purchase a firearm and jacks up all fees. ?

?This dramatic increase in fees is no doubt another example of Oregon lawmakers’ disregard for low-income Oregonians—people most likely to live in high-crime areas.?

The bill also provides sweetheart exemptions to the permit requirements and magazine bans for retired law-enforcement officers. Under this bill, former probation officers and others will have rights that ordinary citizens may no longer exercise (implements restrictions in MZ 114)

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?One of the key provisions of MZ 114 was the prohibition on standard capacity magazines. For years now, we have been subjected to an endless litany that magazines over 10 rounds are “weapons of war.” So, it is hard to understand why a retired probation officer, or any retired law enforcement agent, needs a “weapon of war” when you can go to jail for having one.?

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Furthermore, Oregon’s Constitution specifically notes:

Section 20. Equality of privileges and immunities of citizens. No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens.

Therefore, to remain consistent with both the Oregon and U.S. Constitutions, there should be an amendment to remove this provision that protects one class of citizens while simultaneously attacking all other citizens' rights.