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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

I respectfully oppose Oregon HB 4145 because it infringes upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Oregonians without demonstrating a compelling or narrowly tailored public-safety benefit. The Constitution protects an individual right to keep and bear arms, and longstanding precedent requires regulations to respect that core right. HB 4145 imposes new restrictions that functionally burden lawful possession and transfer, creating barriers that fall hardest on responsible citizens rather than criminals. Broad prohibitions, discretionary standards, and punitive penalties risk arbitrary enforcement and chill the exercise of a fundamental liberty. The bill also raises due-process concerns by expanding state power without adequate procedural safeguards or clear, objective criteria. Targeting misuse, enforcing existing laws, and investing in mental-health interventions are more effective approaches than limits on protected conduct. For these reasons, I urge the Legislature to reject HB 4145 and pursue solutions that enhance safety statewide.