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I oppose HB 4145 and any attempt to revive or modify the permit-to-purchase system created by Ballot Measure 114.

As written and as implemented in concept, Measure 114 has already been found unworkable by the courts. Law enforcement agencies across Oregon testified that they lacked the staffing, funding, and infrastructure to administer a permit-to-purchase system. Modifying a fundamentally broken framework does not fix its core constitutional and practical flaws.

Requiring prior approval from law enforcement before exercising a constitutional right creates delays, unequal access, and arbitrary barriers for law-abiding residents. This is especially concerning for people who relocate to Oregon from other states, rural residents with limited access to training providers, and individuals seeking lawful self-defense in urgent situations.

Oregon already conducts background checks on all firearm purchases and prosecutes prohibited possessors. There is no evidence that layering additional permitting bureaucracy on top of existing law will reduce violent crime. Instead, it risks criminalizing compliance errors while doing little to address illegal firearms or repeat offenders.

Public safety should be addressed through targeted enforcement of existing laws, mental health resources, and crime-prevention strategies that focus on criminal behavior—not by placing new administrative hurdles on lawful ownership.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose HB 4145.