

I vehemently OPPOSE OR HB4145 2026.

The right to bear arms is a guarantee in our Constitution. Despite your detest concerning civilian firearms ownership, it is an inalienable right every U.S. citizen has, even if he or she choose not to exercise that right.

HB4145 grossly infringes upon the rights of citizens who have NOT broken any laws and are not criminals, all for the sake of what, exactly? Do you think criminals are going to register their firearms and take these mandatory training classes and obtain licenses as significant cost?

Absolutely not.

HB4145 only seeks to punish citizens with unnecessary fees to exercise a right guaranteed by the constitution, thereby putting an undue amount of burden on the lowest class of wage earners, and seek only to allow law enforcement to be the ones legally armed. Have our legislators been absolutely BLIND to the overly brutal actions of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement? Why do you seek to strip citizen of their only means of protection? Supporting legislation like this only opens the door to imposing unnecessary licensing fees on other rights. How would you feel about paying \$150 for a license to speak up against how ICE is treating our fellow citizens? How would you feel if the OR state police then DENIED your rights to free speech? This is exactly what HB4145 is doing to the second amendment. This line of thinking is a slippery slope towards authoritarianism and ripe for abuse to a malevolent future person in power.

I can assure you this tone-deaf legislation like HB4145 is why the Democrats CONTINUE to lose ground across this country and this state despite the fact that the GOP is probably the worst political class this country has seen in several generations. Democrats keep alienating folks who have committed no crimes and in doing so ensure pushing moderates (sic the majority of working class voters) further to the right.

Has Oregon even attempted to quantitatively understand where the flow of illicit arms in the hands of criminals is coming from? Because criminals do NOT get their guns through legal means. Do you actually want to reduce gun crimes? Focus on providing social safety networks like enshrining womens' reproductive rights, healthcare reforms, and robust education for our children, and affordable housing. When people don't feel desperation to live they won't need to turn to crime to make ends meet. Do this and you will win back the moderate voters.

Until then, any politician supporting HB4145 will NEVER receive my vote, and I will encourage all my other voting friends and family to do the same.

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