

Submitter: Wyatt S
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Dear Chair and Members of the House Judiciary Committee, My name is W.S., and I am a resident of Molalla, Oregon. I am writing to strongly oppose House Bill 4145. HB 4145 modifies key provisions of Ballot Measure 114 by imposing a permit-to-purchase requirement for firearms, dramatically increasing the fee for that permit from \$65 to \$150 (more than doubling the cost), and extending the state's processing time from 30 days to 60 days. These changes create significant financial and bureaucratic barriers for law-abiding Oregonians who wish to exercise their constitutional right to keep and bear arms. The bill also provides broad exemptions from the permit requirement and related restrictions (such as magazine capacity limits) for active law enforcement officers, retired officers, parole/probation officers, and others. While I respect the role of law enforcement, this creates a two-tiered system where certain individuals are exempt from rules that apply to ordinary citizens. Such unequal treatment undermines fairness and the principle that rights apply equally to all. Ballot Measure 114 remains under legal review, and previous court rulings have raised serious concerns about its constitutionality under both the Oregon and U.S. Constitutions. HB 4145 attempts to implement and expand elements of that measure through legislation, bypassing voter intent and ongoing judicial scrutiny while adding even greater burdens on responsible gun owners. These provisions do nothing to address criminal misuse of firearms. Instead, they penalize law-abiding citizens with higher costs, longer delays, and discriminatory exemptions. I urge the committee to oppose HB 4145 and protect the Second Amendment rights of all Oregonians without creating privileged classes. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. I respectfully request that it be included in the official record. Sincerely,

W.S.