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HB4145

I very strongly oppose this bill. This bill focuses only on the law abiding public. I notice the fees have more than doubled, no other constitutional right involves a fee to exercise. This very much adversely affects the poor, working class and those on fixed incomes. The cost of the class is not even factored in further raising the cost. If the class must be repeated every five years upon renewal that cost is also going to raise an unknown amount. If a bill was put forth requiring a permit to vote and that permit cost \$150 or more and included having to take a mandatory class the whole Oregon Legislature would be up in arms and that bill would not see the light of day ever. Just because this involves the second amendment does not mean it is second class.

I do not understand why the time limit for the DD214 was put in when none of the other exceptions are limited in time like that. It also puts a further divide between law enforcement and regular citizens when they get a carve out and no one else does.

It hides under the false cloaks of public safety and suicide prevention and supports neither. Suicide has many causes and is at its root a mental health problem. This bill insinuates that the only suicide we should be concerned with is suicide by gun. There are no other methods/devices being restricted such as rope, razor blades, etc. If suicide prevention is truly a concern people's gun rights should not permanently be put at risk if they ask for and get help as this bill stigmatizes. People are also less likely to ask for or accept help if they perceive that their gun rights will go away forever. Also this bill does nothing to promote or fund mental health.

As to public safety this bill again focuses solely on the law abiding. It does nothing to address the criminal. Criminals do not buy their guns in gun shops they get them from fences who get them from thieves (most of whom are stealing to support a drug habit). There is nothing to address mandatory minimum sentences for such behaviors or any really meaningful penalties for actual criminals. How about some criminal control instead of law abiding citizen control for a change.

The mandate of only allowing Low capacity magazines does nothing to enhance safety and is totally arbitrary. The law abiding gun owner is not an idiot to only be trusted with one bullet at a time like Barney Fife! Firearm manufacturers send a Standard Capacity Magazine designed for the firearm, the average is 13 to 17 rounds depending on firearm, more for certain rifles.

Locking any challenge into Marion County only further disenfranchises those who live

far away in other parts of the state and is highly unethical. This tactic smacks of judge/court shopping! This should be able to be legally challenged in all parts of the state not just your pet jurisdiction.

Once again we see an abuse of the emergency clause, a true emergency would worsen in two to three years time if unaddressed. The timelines in this bill refute the emergent claims. The fraudulent use of the emergency clause smacks of trying to deny citizens the ability to bring this bill to a referendum.

I strongly exhort you to vote no on this bill and end it quickly for the sake of the law abiding citizens of this state.