

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4145. This bill attempts to implement the fundamentally flawed and unconstitutional provisions of Measure 114 while adding new, even more burdensome requirements on law-abiding Oregonians.

?Key Reasons for Opposition:

?Economic Barriers to a Civil Right: By increasing permit fees from \$65 to \$150, HB 4145 creates a "pay-to-play" system that disproportionately impacts low-income citizens, effectively pricing them out of their right to self-defense.

?Bureaucratic Delays: Doubling the permit review window from 30 to 60 days grants the state an unreasonable "pocket veto" over the exercise of a constitutional right, leaving citizens vulnerable during the lengthy waiting period.

?Unconstitutional Foundation: The underlying magazine bans and permit-to-purchase requirements in Measure 114 remain under heavy litigation. Attempting to codify these through HB 4145 while court injunctions are still being debated is an overreach that ignores the ongoing judicial process.

?Ineffective for Public Safety: Law enforcement is exempted from many of these requirements, acknowledging that these restrictions are not about safety, but about control. This bill targets law-abiding owners while doing nothing to deter criminals who do not follow permit or capacity laws.

?Conclusion:

HB 4145 is an admission that Measure 114 is unworkable as written. Rather than trying to "fix" a broken policy with higher fees and longer waits, the legislature should respect the constitutional rights of Oregonians and the ongoing court process. I urge you to vote NO on HB 4145.