

Submitter: Jake Brown

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I emphatically oppose HB 4145 because it erects new, constitutionally suspect barriers between law-abiding Oregonians and their right to keep and bear arms for self-defense and for the defense of the state. By expanding discretionary permitting rules, extending agency decision windows, raising fees, creating a centralized, non-public database of permit applicants, and channeling challenges into a single forum, the bill transforms what should be a simple recognition of an individual right into a regulated privilege contingent on paperwork, cost, and administrative discretion—burdens that will meaningfully impede citizens' ability to exercise the historic right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment and by Article I, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution. For these reasons I urge the committee to vote no on HB 4145.