

I oppose HB 4145 because it places additional burdens on law-abiding Oregonians while failing to address violent crime. The bill increases costs, extends delays, and expands discretionary authority in the permitting process, effectively turning a constitutional right into a privilege available only to those with time and financial means. These changes disproportionately impact low-income residents, rural communities, and individuals seeking firearms for lawful self-defense.

HB 4145 also undermines voter intent by materially altering Measure 114 without returning the issue to the electorate. Creating broad exemptions for current and former law enforcement further establishes unequal treatment under the law, eroding public trust and fairness. Public safety should focus on enforcing existing laws and targeting criminal behavior—not adding barriers for responsible citizens who follow the law.

For these reasons, I urge legislators to reject HB 4145.

Sincerely,

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