

Opposition Testimony – HB 4145

I oppose HB 4145.

HB 4145 relies on enforcement against law-abiding people, not criminals. Those who commit violent crimes will not comply with additional regulations. Enforcement will therefore focus on compliant citizens, producing paperwork violations rather than safety improvements.

The bill also diverts public resources—staff time, enforcement effort, and administrative cost—away from targeting repeat violent offenders and illegal activity. That is a poor use of limited state resources.

In addition, the burdens imposed by HB 4145 fall hardest on rural residents, lower-income Oregonians, and the elderly, who face greater costs, travel burdens, and delays. Rights should not depend on income or geography.

Finally, the hearing was not listed on OLIS until last Monday morning, denying many citizens a fair opportunity to participate.

HB 4145 is ineffective, inequitable, and procedurally flawed. It should be rejected.

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