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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

HB 4145 bill is an ill conceived bill from the failed framework of Measure 114, creating the same operational problems and constitutional concerns without delivering meaningful public safety improvements. Its a bill that make people FEEL safer, but actually do nothing to actually make them safer. Not to mention the constitutional issues with the magazine bans that have been shot down numerous times now in federal courts. We don't need to waste money fighting already illegal laws.

This is Operationally Unworkable. The bill mandates that every firearm purchaser obtain a permit from their local police chief or sheriff, but provides no centralized system, electronic portal, or automated tracking. Instead, it relies on Oregon's 36 counties—many already understaffed and underfunded—to independently manage applications with no guarantee of consistency or timely processing. Our law enforcement is already stretched thin. We should not burden them further without providing infrastructure or funding.

Denies Due Process. HB 4145 allows Oregon State Police to deny permits if background checks cannot be completed due to incomplete state records. Applicants are penalized for state database deficiencies with no appeal process, no correction timeline, and no recourse. This is fundamentally unjust not in keeping with 2nd amendment rights and fair due process. The state already doesn't follow through with prosecuting people who knowingly violate the laws. Why punish the law abiding more..

Inconsistent Standards. The bill requires firearm safety training but establishes no standardized curriculum, instructor registry, or uniform requirements. Some counties may accept online courses; others may not. This creates confusion and unequal access across jurisdictions.

No Public Safety Gains. Most critically, this system does nothing to address the real drivers of gun violence: straw purchasing, criminal trafficking, stolen firearms, domestic violence enforcement, suicide prevention, and mental health intervention. The bill burdens law-abiding citizens already following the law while criminals—who ignore laws by definition—will obtain firearms through illegal channels.

Cost, Delays, and Disparate Treatment. HB 4145 raises the permit fee from \$65 to \$150—more than doubling the cost for law-abiding citizens. It extends issuance timelines from 30 to 60 days, creating lengthy delays in exercising constitutional

rights. Meanwhile, the bill exempts retired law enforcement from the 10-round magazine limit, creating a two-tiered system where former officers have access to tools denied to civilians. This also does not address previous STANDARD capacity magazine long since purchased and owned.

Unfunded and Unprepared. Just like 114, The bill delays implementation until 2028, implicitly acknowledging the system is not ready. Yet it provides no funding, staffing plan, centralized infrastructure, or statewide coordination to achieve readiness. Delaying a broken system does not fix it.

Please vote NOT to all of these provisions.