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I oppose HB 4145, and I want to explain why.

These bills claim to be about public safety, but in reality they make life harder for law-abiding people like me. They don't go after criminals they create more delays, costs, and red tape for people who are already following the rules.

HB 4153 is a clear example. It would deny approval if a background check can't be completed, even when the problem is missing or inaccurate government records. That isn't the applicant's fault. If that happened to me, I'd feel completely stuck and powerless no way to fix the issue and no meaningful way to appeal.

There's also the issue of safety in real life. If I've dealt with a stalker or break-ins nearby, waiting 60 days to defend myself isn't reasonable. Emergencies don't follow timelines, and criminals don't follow laws. These delays only hurt people who are trying to do everything the right way.

The most frustrating part is that these bills don't even target criminals. Criminals don't apply for permits. They don't wait for approvals or care about processing windows and extra fees.

Instead, the burden falls almost entirely on people like me people who work, pay taxes, and make an effort to follow the law. We're the ones paying more, waiting longer, and being judged by unclear or inconsistent standards.

If lawmakers truly care about public safety, they should focus on stopping violent criminals, solving more crimes, and holding offenders accountable. Adding delays, fees, and obstacles for responsible citizens doesn't make anyone safer.