

Submitter:

Stephen Radie

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

Chair and Members of the Committee: I respectfully oppose House Bill 4145. While Measure 114 was narrowly approved by voters, HB 4145 goes beyond implementation and instead expands and entrenches a firearm permit system that is costly, slow, and vulnerable to unequal enforcement. By extending timelines, increasing fees, and adding administrative hurdles, this bill risks turning a constitutional right into a privilege dependent on government capacity rather than individual responsibility. Law-abiding Oregonians already undergo background checks, and there is no clear evidence that these additional layers will reduce violent crime. I urge the committee to reject HB 4145 and focus on solutions that address criminal behavior without burdening responsible citizens. Thank you for time and consideration.