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HB4145

I am OPPOSED to advancement of HB 4145. There is absolutely no evidence that tightened 2nd Amendment restrictions on law-abiding citizens leads to any measurable reduction in gun crime, specifically street-level gun violence. The reason is simple. Criminals do not obey the law. The bill attempts to repair & revise the broken process as set forth in Measure 114. Instead, it further breaks the process. It is effectually putting lipstick on a pig. Increasing the financial & logistical burdens of lawful firearm purchase & use on the law abiding Oregon citizen is not the path toward increased safety from gun crime. Full enforcement of laws already on the books, effective prosecution thereof, & meaningful penalties upon conviction are the keys. This bill expands subjective & vague standards of approval from a permit agent. (ie. "may be a danger"). I guess this bill should also require so-called permit agents to purchase state-issued crystal balls to implement this unconstitutionally vague determination standard. The increased costs to the lawful firearm purchaser has absolutely no correlation to a public safety benefit because, as already stated, street criminals do not obey laws. This poorly crafted and over reaching bill does nothing except prioritize process over results. Legislators, cut your losses, put your efforts into increased funding for courts, law enforcement, & confinement. Kill this bill.