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HB4145

Oregon House Bill 4145 serves as a detrimental barrier to the exercise of constitutional rights rather than a genuine public safety measure. By more than doubling the permit fee to \$150 and extending the processing window to 60 days, this legislation effectively transforms a fundamental right into a privilege reserved for those with the financial means and time to navigate a deliberately cumbersome bureaucracy. Furthermore, the inclusion of broad exemptions for retired law enforcement creates an unjust two-tiered system, granting special privileges to a select class while restricting the general public. Instead of addressing the root causes of violence or targeting criminal behavior, HB 4145 unfairly penalizes law-abiding Oregonians, discriminates against low-income citizens, and should be rejected in its entirety.