

Submitter: Christopher Bergquist

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

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Dear Oregon Legislators,

I am writing to strongly oppose House Bill 4145, which modifies the firearm permit provisions originally established by Ballot Measure 114 (2022).

This bill represents an unnecessary and burdensome expansion of gun control measures that infringe on the constitutional rights of law-abiding Oregon residents.

Key provisions of HB 4145 include doubling the processing time for firearm purchase permits from 30 to 60 days, significantly increasing the permit fee from \$65 to \$150, and creating broad exemptions for active and retired law enforcement officers (including probation and parole officers) from these requirements.

These changes impose lengthy delays and higher costs that could prevent ordinary citizens from exercising their Second Amendment rights in a timely manner for self-defense or other lawful purposes, while granting special privileges to a select group.

Furthermore, the bill creates a database of permit holders with information exempt from public disclosure, raising concerns about the establishment of a de facto firearm registry.

It also grants permit agents expanded discretion in approvals and denials, potentially allowing subjective judgments to override clear eligibility standards. These modifications were not part of the original voter-approved Measure 114 and appear designed to make lawful firearm ownership more difficult and expensive for everyday Oregonians, while overriding judicial processes and creating unequal treatment under the law.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 4145 to protect the rights and equality of all Oregon residents.

Sincerely, Chris.