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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

I write to oppose HB 4145, just as I voted to oppose BM114. I do not think that this bill is needed, nor will have any meaningful positive impact to the state of Oregon. Gun control measures such as this rarely solve legitimate problems that lead to firearm deaths, which has seen a steady decline in Oregon since it's peak in 2021.

This bill has several problems:

- Shifting permitting to local police or sheriff's offices is an untenable process. There is no outline for a functional system to issue permits and draws the expectation that local government employees will manage the process independently. This gives no guarantee of timely processing, traceability, and likely opens the door to potential discrimination. Beyond that, the requirements for permitting are not defined within the bill. If left to local jurisdictions, the requirements set by them will be inconsistent at best.
- Automatic permit denials by Oregon State Police based on background checks that cannot be completed due to insufficient information punishes citizens for a failure of unrelated government processes. There is no clear recourse or ability to appeal or correct the gap of information that a state office couldn't acquire.
- The background check process is a state level duplication of effort already performed by the federal firearm purchasing process, which is then stored by the State of Oregon. This additional data collection creates a new opportunity for potential breaches leading to identify theft and related personal security risks.
- Given the broad availability of firearms and related materials, there will be little to no legitimate improvement of public safety. This measure objectively reduces the ability for Oregonians to lawfully own firearms without any legitimate attempt to reduce illegal firearm purchasing/acquisition. People intent on committing crime using firearms will never follow a single step of this process or any other proposed gun control measure.
- The increased cost of the permit fee from \$65 to \$150 along side the increase of time for issuance from 30 to 60 days is excessive both financially and in use of time. Increasing cost only acts to make legal gun ownership more difficult and create unnecessary delays for those who attempt to. The changes to cost and time to issue are substantial, even before considering the time and cost needed for an unspecified training requirement. These delays also impact the firearms industry within the state

through customer friction, held inventory, and cancelled transactions.

- The exemption of former law enforcement officers from the magazine restriction creates a protected class who are placed above citizens. As we have seen recently with active duty federal officers, there is clear evidence that all law enforcement, past or present, should be held to the same laws and standards that citizens are.

I ask that you reject this bill.